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Things Southern...

Embedded in our memories, forever in our hearts



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Raylawni Branch, left, and Elaine Chamberlain during their February 2000 visit to the Hattiesburg campus of the University of Mississippi.

Things Remembered...

USM's first African-American students reflect on changes

story/photo by Bill Sutley

Thirty-five years after they shattered the color barrier at Southern Miss, Elaine Chamberlain and Raylawni Branch liked what they saw during a recently stroll across campus.

"I was very filled with emotion to see all the faces of color – and, with it all, to see the freedom now," said Chamberlain, who now lives in Maryland.

The situation was different in 1965 – and the memories flooded back for both women during a rare reunion in February.

Chamberlain and Branch, who lives in Hattiesburg, were reunited at Southern Miss Feb. 28-29 for the first time since 1993 as featured guests for USM's annual African-American History Month lecture named in their honor.

In 1965, Chamberlain was an 18-year-old graduate of Rowen High School. The teen was well known in Hattiesburg's African-American community for her singing prowess. She got scholarship offers from two out-of-state historically black universities, but she wanted to attend school closer to home.

Branch was a 24-year-old homemaker and mother of three then – but she dreamed of a life in medicine. That was despite the fact that, then in Hattiesburg, "there were no jobs for black professionals or blacks period unless you were a cook or worked in someone's home."

Her friends in the Forrest County NAACP – which she served as secretary – knew about Branch's dream and offered to pay her tuition if she would act as an "escort" for a teen-ager who wanted to give Southern Miss a try.

Despite the difference in their ages, Chamberlain recalls that, "We were both typical wide-eyed freshmen."

The Southern Miss administration was determined to ensure their enrollment came off without incident.

"I think whoever was controlling things behind the scenes knew it was time to make a change," Branch said.

At the 1965 freshmen orientation in Bennett Auditorium, six bodyguards flanked the young women.

"On the whole, there were no great outward events," Branch recalled.

Elaine remembers: "There was a lot of name-calling – most of it muttered under people's breath. But it didn't deter our determination to do what we came to do."

Unlike other Mississippi campuses, the feared physical resistance never materialized and Southern Miss was integrated.

Branch and Chamberlain kept to themselves at first; they walked almost daily from eastern-most Hattiesburg. They later made friends with many white students.

"Eventually, the coldness began to thaw," Chamberlain said.

Family and financial concerns caused Branch to temporarily end her pursuit of a USM nursing degree after a year.

Chamberlain stayed three years, working on a medical technology degree, and became active in the Baptist Student Union and served on the yearbook staff.

She sang in one of USM's Panhellenic talent shows and won first place.

Chamberlain proudly remembers one incident that occurred shortly before she left Southern Miss, when a graduating senior approached her and said, "You know, Elaine, I used to have a very negative view of blacks. I can truly say you changed my opinion."

Chamberlain now works as an assistant to the senior vice president of Melwod Training Center in Upper Marlboro, Md. There, she offers job training to physically challenged and mentally retarded adults. Previously, she worked as a manager for the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

Branch went on to finish her nursing degree in Florida, became a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve and later worked as a chief nurse and director of an operating room. She moved back to Hattiesburg in 1987 and earned a master's degree in nursing from Southern Miss. She now teaches nursing at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville.



1966 Southerner photo of Raylawni Branch



1966 Southerner photo of Elaine Chamberlain



Paulin Wahjudi, right, and Vinh Nguyen float in zero gravity while aboard one of NASA's KC-135 aircraft.

Things Fantastic...

Students experience zero gravity

story/photo by Bill Sutley

Six Southern Miss seniors culminated nearly a year of researching August by successfully executing a series of experiments in zero gravity.

NASA's KC-135 aircraft helped the student project reach zero-G, or microgravity, during two days of flights out of Houston's Johnson Space Center. The KC-135 flies more than 30 steep up-and-down parabolas during a flight to allow researchers to achieve 20 seconds of weightlessness at each peak.

"It was fantastic," USM senior Vinh Nguyen, 23, of Houston said Aug. 19 after his flight. "I want to go back. On the first parabola, I thought my head was falling off. But after that, I had a blast."

Many students and journalists participating in August's Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities program got to find out why the KC-135 is also called the "vomit comet." The flights' main goal, a NASA spokesperson said, is to advance science; the fun of floating through an aircraft cabin is just a side benefit for the student scientists.

Bill Ainsworth, 24, chemistry major, and the USM team leader from Mount Olive, waited until he was abroad the aircraft Aug. 18 before revealing a secret.

"This is the first time I've ever flown on a plane," he said. "I guess if you've got to do it, you might as well go to the max right off the bat."

Flights on Aug. 18-Aug 19, each involving two members of the Southern Miss group, found them floating through the same aircraft cabin used to film weightless scenes for the movie "Apollo 13". "Right now, it feels great," Ainsworth said Aug. 18 as he drifted motionless above USM's experiment package.

Ainsworth's partner, a visibly nauseated James Warren, 24, of Mize, probably disagreed - but he wasn't saying much.

Paulin Wahjudi, 21, of Indonesia, who flew Aug. 19 with Nguyen, said she enjoyed the experience.

"We tried to somersault and go other places in the plane to see the other experiments," she said.

Ainsworth called USM's project a "qualified success," explaining that results still have to be analyzed. Aiding in that effort will be the Southern Miss ground crew: Monique Kendrick, 24, of Mobile, Ala., and Felicia Stewart, 23, of Greenville. They kept a close watch over experiment components between flights.

The Southern Miss students hope the experiments, conducted in varying phases of reduced gravity achieved by the NASA aircraft will tell researchers more about the versatility of new foams the students developed while working in the lab or Dr. John Pojman, USM professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Pojman, a veteran of several KC-135 flights, encouraged his students to compete for a slot in this summer's program.

The Southern Miss students see a potential for astronauts using their foams as building materials in future space endeavors.

"As they go farther and farther from Earth (they're planning trips to Mars) they're going to be required eventually to make their own materials in space," Ainsworth said. "It's a whole lot cheaper to carry up polymeric-reacting materials than to carry up bulky building materials."

The Southern Miss students plan to develop an easier-to-understand presentation regarding their research that they will offer to south Mississippi elementary and secondary students.

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Residence halls, apartments and houses were all of the places we made into homes. We fought with landlords, RAs and roommates. We argued over visitation, bathroom privileges and that favorite shirt, but we were there for each other through all the heartaches and the flu. We ate Commons' food and self-cooked food, finally turning to take-out food. We went to lots of movies at the \$1 theatre and lots of parties that traveled from one person's house to another's. We spent hours in the computer lab trying to expand our minds and hours in the gym trying to expand our muscles. We even worked two jobs, went to class, and maintained a social life while trying to figure out what made us happy – all to discover that what we really wanted was to spend a lazy afternoon with friends.



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Coming Home Again

Story by: LaTasha S. McBride and Antoinette Konz

Anticipation, excitement, suspense, and undeniable pride were all in the hearts and minds of thousands of students, faculty and alumni as the University of Southern Mississippi once again prepared for its Homecoming celebration.

The dominating USM Eagles are now 46-17 all-time in homecoming games and the victory over the Cajuns of University of Louisiana at Lafayette was a mere example of the power that lives in the hearts of the Eagle football team.

Love of the game and of the university reigned true as hundreds gathered along Hardy Street to support and cheer the Eagles to victory in what was the second pre-game parade. Aside from the numerous fans that came out to support USM, over 40 organizational floats and numerous marching bands, including the Pride, were entered into the parade as students illustrated their school spirit.

Thirteen candidates ran for homecoming queen this year, but in the end it was Contina Quinn, a 22-year-old senior from Cedar Bluff who won the support of her fellow students.

"Being homecoming queen is something I have wanted to do for such a long time and I thank the students for making this a reality for me," Quinn said. "I am very excited about homecoming and I look forward to representing the students and alumni."

She was among six other students to be elected to this year's homecoming court. Other members of the 1999 Southern Miss homecoming court are LaSonia Dedaux of Pass Christian, freshman maid; Susan Moak of Clinton, sophomore maid; Susan Sullivan of Vicksburg, junior maid; Ashley Mercer of Petal, senior maid; Lazaire Bradley of Biloxi, graduate maid; and Nicole Walker of Clinton, Student Body Maid.

Quinn said she believes homecoming is an essential part to everyone in the university.

"It is one of the most memorable parts of college because everyone is here. It think it is a time when past faculty and alumni feel the most connected to their university," she said.

The 1999 Homecoming court is pictured from left to right: **Jason Cooley, Ashley Marcer** (Senior Maid), **Trae Brown, Lazaire Bradley** (Graduate Maid), **Todd Gremillion, Nicole Walker** (Student Body Maid), **Verdell Hawkins, Contina Quinn** (Homecoming Queen), **Susan Sullivan** (Junior Maid), **Steven Hecker, Susan Moak** (Sophomore Maid), **Brent Pettis, Lasonia Dedaux** (Freshman Maid), **Blake Hamm.**

Photo by Bert King Photography



President Horace Fleming stands on the sidelines during the 1999 homecoming game against the "Ragin' Cajuns" of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Dr. Fleming crowns the homecoming queen each year during the halftime festivities.

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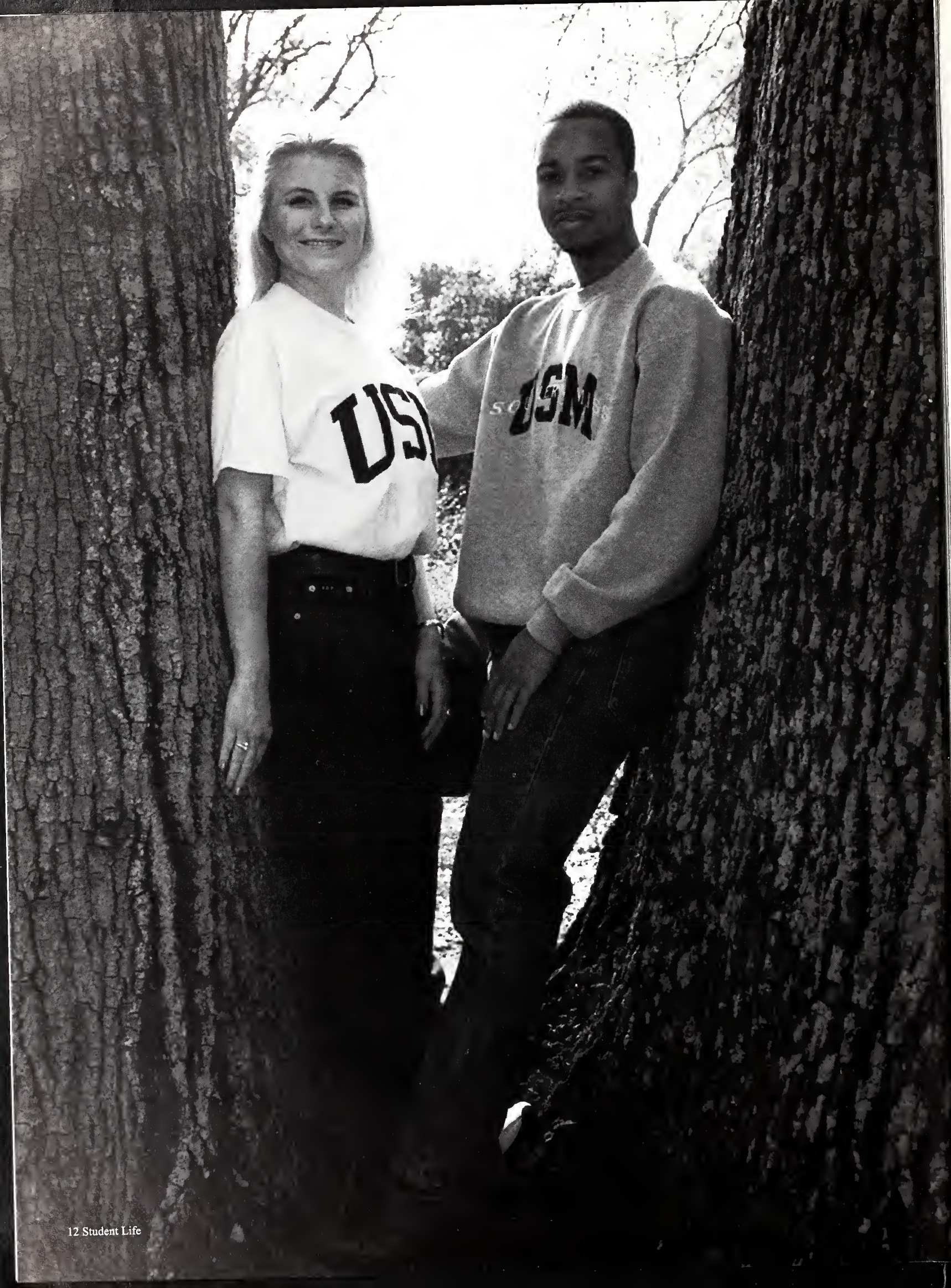


Contina Quinn was elected by her fellow students to serve as the 1999 Homecoming Queen. Quinn is a senior from Cedarbluff. *Photo by Bert King Photography*



Tailgating is a favorite activity during any home game. Alumni return to campus for food, fun and fanfare. *Photo by Jann Tulen*

A victory tops off the 1999 Homecoming activities. The Golden Eagles cooked the "Ragin' Cajuns" 55-0. *Photo by WSM Photo Services*



Tried and True

Hawkins and Walker elected as Mr. and Miss USM

Story By Contina Quinn



Verdell Hawkins and **Nicole Miller** were elected by their peers in recognition of the service and dedication to the university and its students. *All three photos by King Photography*

"It's a tremendous blessing to be recognized by my peers for the work I've done at the university for the last four years," said Mr. USM, Verdell Hawkins, a political science major from Natchez. "I'm just honored and appreciative that the work I've done has not gone unnoticed."

Nicole Walker, a speech-language pathology major from Clinton, said she is honored that the student body elected her Miss USM.

"I have a deep passion for this university, and God has truly blessed me throughout my collegiate experience at Southern Miss," Walker said.

Hawkins said that he has also thoroughly enjoyed his college experience.

"Southern Miss is where I have grown spiritually, academically and in other areas," he said.

Hawkins has been involved in student government since his freshman year. He was president of the Freshman Associates, director of the Research and Implementation Committee and director of the Student Relations Committee. Hawkins is currently the Student Government Association president, and president of the Mississippi Student Body Council. After graduation he plans to attend law school.

In addition, Hawkins is a member of Southern Style and has served on various university committees. Among the honors he has received are the USM Leadership Scholarship, Outstanding Freshman Male and mention on the President's List.

Walker has also been active on campus. As a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, she has served as vice president of Chair Development/Head of Standards Board, Activities Chairperson and is currently Special Events Chairperson.

Walker is also captain of the Dixie Darlings, a USM Leadership Scholar, a member of Southern Style and a member of the Golden Key Honor Society.

She too has been involved with the SGA for the past four years. Her titles include membership in the Freshman Associates, senator for the College of Liberal Arts, assistant director of the Miss Southern Pageant, and she is currently serving as director of the Campus Beautification Committee.

Walker plans to attend graduate school after matriculation from USM.

Living the college life

Close to class and close to
USM friends - living
style life on campus

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Living on campus provides opportunities for students to grow and mature in a group living environment where students who share interests, and even those who don't can come together to create bonds of friendship that will never break.

Lucy Pope, a junior history and journalism major and Shannon Williams, a junior biochemistry major, have been roommates for two years, after meeting during their freshman year.

"We were on the same hall and became really good friends," said Lucy Pope. "Since all of our stuff matched, we decided we might as well room together," she adds with a laugh.

Besides involvement and exposure to many potential friends, living on campus can also provide security for many students.

All of these things combined make living on campus an experience few will ever forget.

Shannon Williams, a senior from Montgomery, Ala., finds a moment to browse through the Student Printz campus newspaper. Williams is a biochemistry major.



A few special touches have made the room Lucy and Shannon share feel more like home. This USM pillow makes the long nights spent typing papers in this chair more comfortable.

A call home doesn't cost **Lucy Pope** any long distance charges. A senior from Hattiesburg, Lucy is double majoring in history and journalism.





Just a little off the top please! Lucy looks up as Shannon trims her bangs for her.



Having a personal computer in your room is definitely a blessing. Especially since campus computer labs can be so busy. *All photos by Lindsey Theobald*



Millennium Leaders

The 2000-2001 SGA Executive Officers

Story By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal



The Student Government Association Executive officers: president, Nathaniel Anderson (left), vice president, Angela Patterson (top); attorney general, Sara Wright (center) and elections commissioner, Thomas Figures. The new officers were inducted in April of 2000.

As befits the dawn of a new millennium, Southern Miss has elected a new president to lead us into the future. For the students of Southern Miss, no ordinary person would do for this, the most important student position on campus. So with progress and the future in mind, the student body of Southern Miss elected Nathaniel Anderson, Jr.

Long experienced in matters of student government, Anderson feels that he has learned how to lead students through simply being involved himself, and by watching how others lead.

"I have been involved with the SGA since my freshman year, when I first got involved with Freshmen Associates," said Anderson. "I have also been Assistant of Student Relations and Chief of Staff."

This exposure to different areas of the Student Government Association allows Anderson to better understand how the committees work and how best to meet the needs of the students.

"It has helped me to be able to see exactly how this organization works from outside and inside," Anderson said. "I have been through the ranks enough to know what to keep the same and what to change."

Among the changes needed, Anderson recommends rearranging the executive cabinet to make a more effective governing body that will be better able to meet the needs of students and of the university.

"We had 15 cabinet committees and reorganized them into seven," said Anderson. "We did not eliminate any positions, just changed them to decrease redundancy of responsibilities."

All of this revamping was designed for the expressed purpose of making a more structured organization with more student involvement.

"I want to make sure that every student, from people not involved in SGA, to the committee member, up to the directors, knows that they are the most important part of SGA," Anderson said. "I really don't like just making all of the decisions myself, I would much rather have active students help in all aspects of SGA."

For Anderson, student involvement is not just a minor aspect of SGA, but is the one thing he cares most about.

"If I can look back and see that I reached just a couple of students and got them involved with SGA, and if I see a student regain their respect for SGA, I will consider my year as president a success," Anderson said.

Dining In

More restaurants are coming to Hattiesburg, but the Commons keeps its competitive edge.

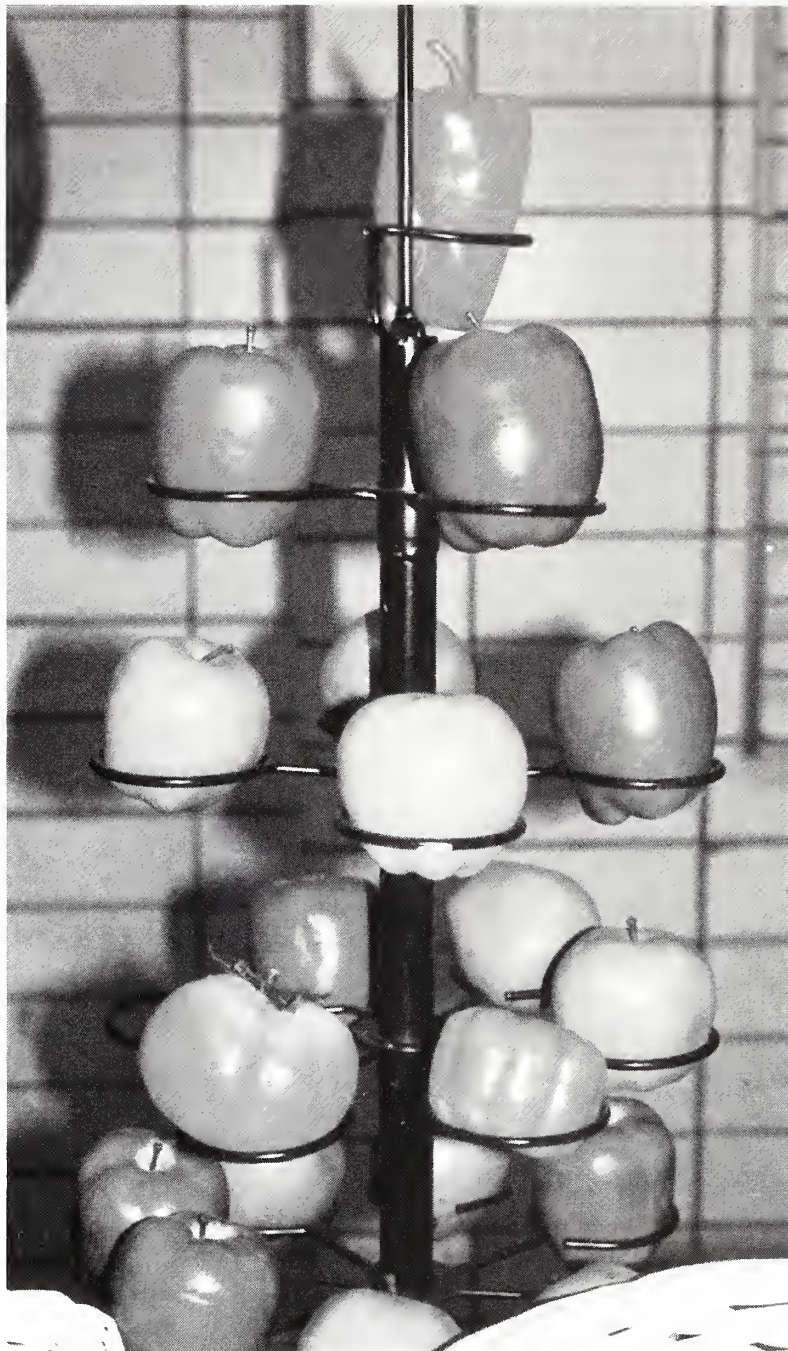
Story By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

You never thought you would, but you actually survived all those years of high school cafeteria food. However, if after living through this you chose to live on campus or buy a snack plan, you were thrust forcefully back into the world of processed food and "mystery meat". Or were you?

With capable staff and a diverse menu, Food Services at USM actually provide food that is more than edible - it is healthy and often tastes good. In addition to accomplishing this, there are several cafeterias in strategic locations on campus to insure that everyone (and that means you) can get fast, hot food no matter where you are on campus.

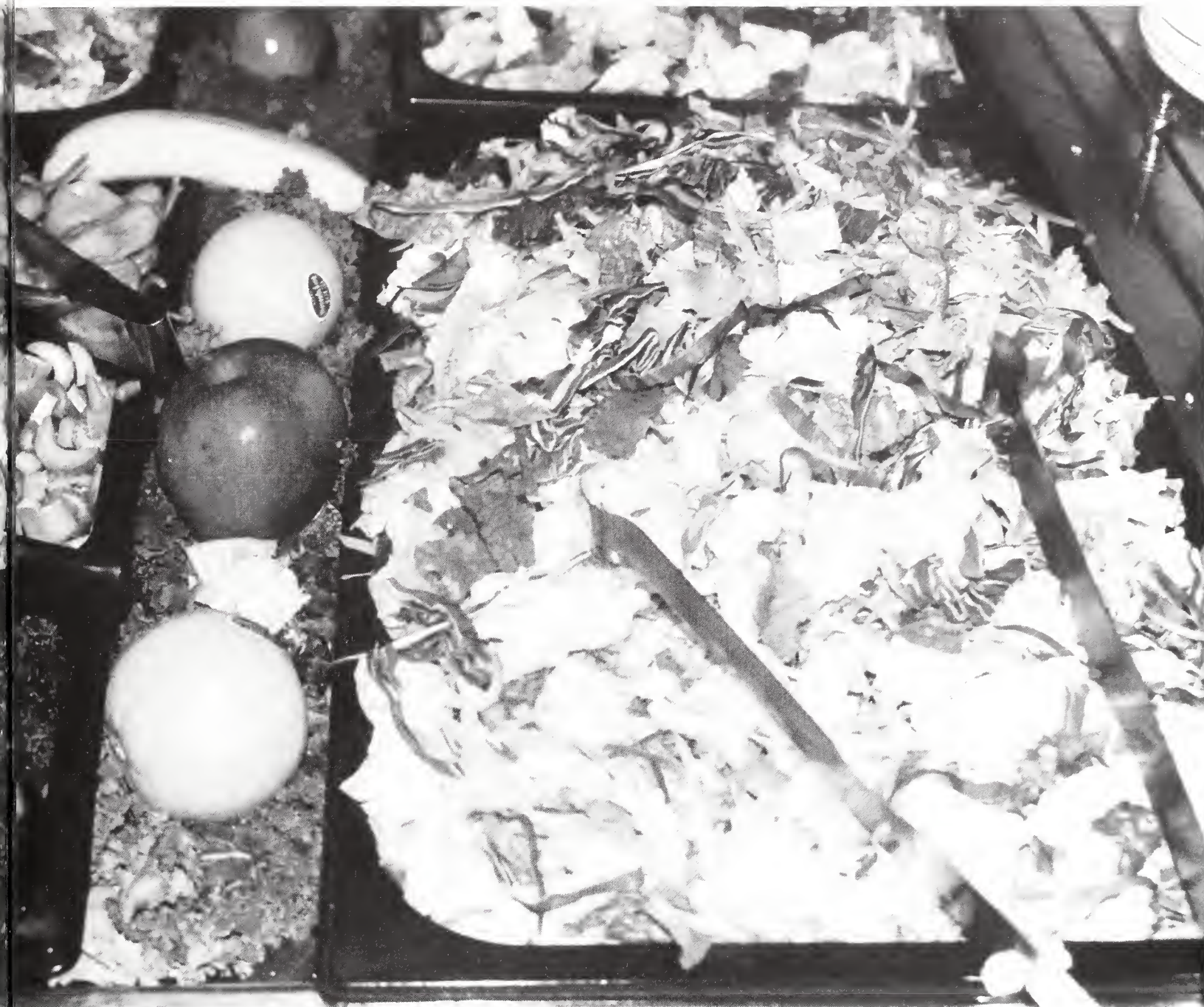
But suppose you really aren't in the mood to trek to a cafeteria and sit inside. Have no worry, fearless searcher of food. The Plaza Café is pleased to be of service and offers picnic tables between McCain and Cook Libraries for your dining pleasure and the Plaza Café offers a quick snack if you are over by the new Liberal Arts Building.

For those of us with little time and even less money, the cafeterias and cafés on campus offer more than just inexpensive, fast food, but food that holds a surprise for the taste buds every day.



The staff of the Commons prepare food that is not only pleasing to the palate, but also pleasing to the eye.





As more students explore the vegetarian way of life, the salad bar grows and changes to meet the demand.



The food services committee meets monthly and is open to any student who wants to attend. The Commons staff uses the suggestions made by the committee to make improvements.

All Photographs by Mackenzie Rogers



The Pride of Mississippi

Providing the soundtrack for victory

Story By: Spring Serenity O'Neal



Photos this page by Spring Serenity O'Neal

Adam Muller (left), of Covington, La., is one of approximately 300 students who balance the busy schedule of The Pride with their academic schedules.

Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher

Providing school spirit, entertainment during football games, and an educational structure for students have been just a few of the purposes of The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band. Since 1952, the Pride has entertained generations of Golden Eagle students and fans with football halftime action, as well as with concerts, competitions and parades.

As in years past, much work has gone into this year's marching band. Special thanks go to Dr. Steven Moser, Moser's assistants, the administrator of the band department; Dr. Tom Fraschillo, and the ever supportive Alumni Club.

But the most important component of the Pride is, of course, the students who work endless hours practicing and perfecting the music and steps they perform. Comprised of almost two-hundred-and-eighty members, the Pride is diverse, but is also made up of students who value each other and the organization.

"The Pride brings together students from all over the world and is an organization treasured by the students," said Fraschillo.

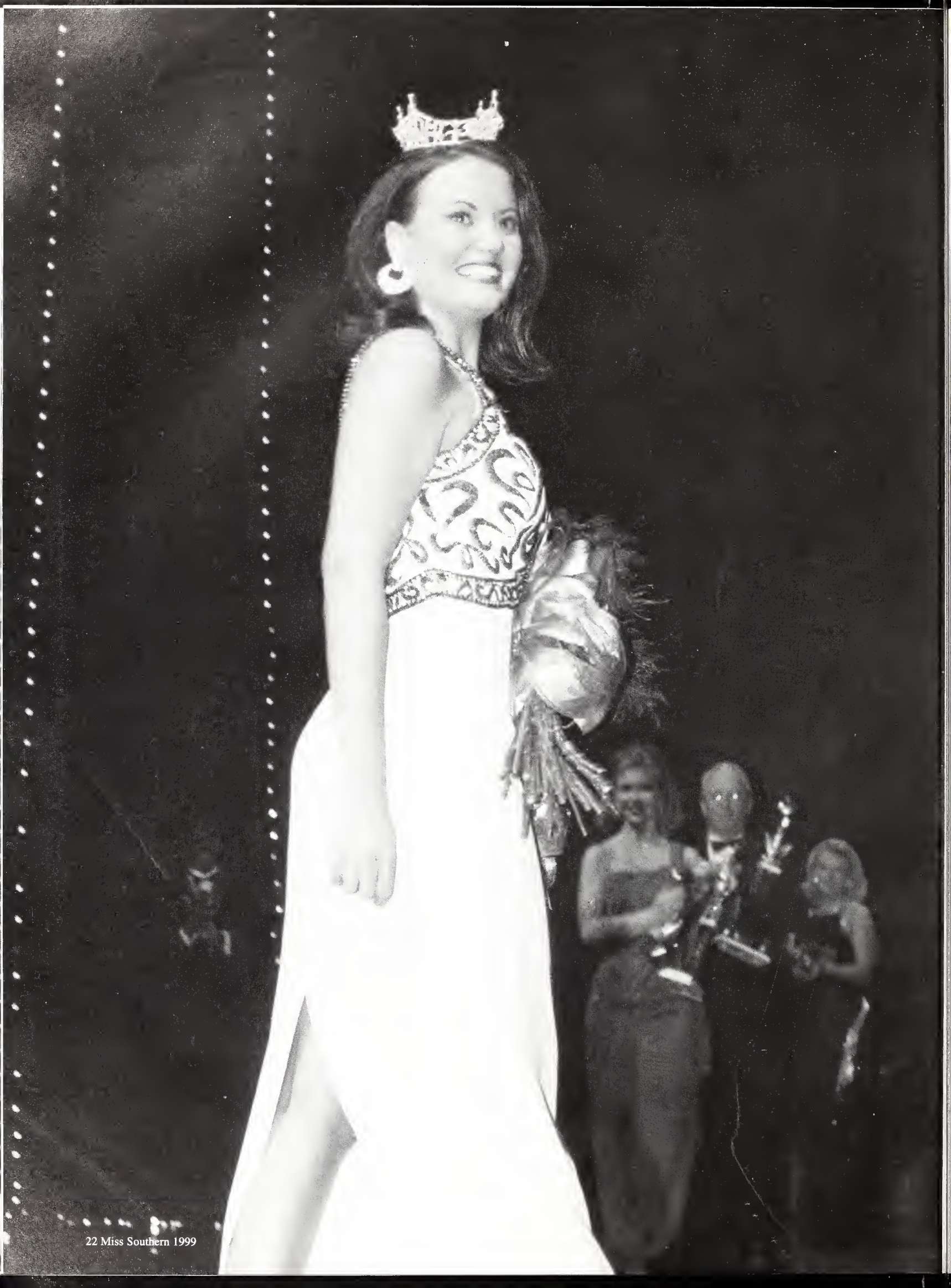
This caring for, and involvement with, fellow band members shines through in all that the Pride members do on campus, serving as a bond between even students who are not members.

"The Pride is the most visual organization on campus," Fraschillo said. "As such, it has the power to bring students together, with music as the central force."

The pride is also responsible for Band Day and the Mississippi Marching Band Championship, which are two events that involve regional high school marching bands. These events give the band members a chance to be involved in the community and area high school students the opportunity to learn from some great musicians.

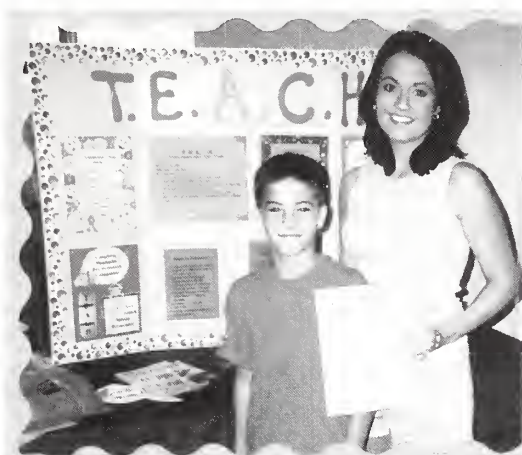
These great musicians are also more than just local celebrities, having performed at such events as USM Homecoming and local parades. They are also internationally known, having traveled as far as Ireland to perform. These experiences help give members of the Pride a rich and varied musical career during their time at Southern Miss.

With all that they do, the members of the Pride prove that they are, indeed, the Pride of Mississippi.



Miss Southern 1999

Becky Pruett looks back at what her year of service meant to her.



Left: **Becky Pruett** takes her first steps as Miss Southern 1999. *Photo by W&M Photo Services*

Top: **Becky Pruett** worked on behalf of her platform, TEACH, wherever she could. Here she gives a young man a copy of her anti-tobacco coloring book at the Petal Health Fair. *Photo submitted*

Middle: **Pruett** looks up to her mother, Judie, who serves as a medical diplomat for the US Embassy in West Africa. Here Becky is shown rock climbing during a recent visit to West Africa. *Photo submitted*

Bottom: **Pruett** smiles for the camera during an autograph party at Miss Mississippi 1999. *Photo submitted*

Becky Pruett, 21, is a speech communication major with a 3.75 grade point average. She attends USM utilizing three different scholarship programs. Her future plans include law school and a career in international law. This summer she will serve as an intern in U.S. Senator Trent Lott's office in Washington, D.C.

So why does such an intelligent young woman choose to compete in pageants?

"Scholarship money," said Pruett, "and the chance to really challenge myself and grow as an individual." Pruett says that she feels the Miss America Program is the most prestigious and rewarding scholarship pageant there is. Miss Mississippi alone gives more than \$124,000 in scholarships and awards every year. Pruett points out that the two largest portions of the judging are based on the talent competition and the interview.

"There are very few pageants that require the contestants to showcase a talent," said Pruett. "This category helps to emphasize hard work and dedication over a simple contest about appearances."

Pruett herself has shown phenomenal talent and presentation skills. At Miss Mississippi she performed the classical French (and very difficult) aria "Chacun Le Sait" by Donizetti. She was selected a member of the Top 10 during the final competition and had the chance to perform on the live television broadcast which was shown across the state.

Pruett says that when preparing for competition she spends the most time working on her talent performance. "However, when it comes time to actually perform, that's the phase of competition that comes most naturally to me."

"Interview is probably the hardest category," said Pruett. "You don't know if you're going to click with the judges, you don't know if they will have the same priorities and interests as you do." The interview encompasses grades, interests, current events and the contestant's platform. It's especially nerve racking because the judges can ask anything from your favorite color to what you think about the state of the European Economic Union!

Pruett's platform is another strong area of her resume.

She founded an organization called T.E.A.C.H., an acronym for Tobacco Education Effects Children's Health. "I also authored a coloring book which was illustrated by my twin sister, Melissa," said Pruett. "This book was used to implement preventative education in the classroom. Printing is made possible by funding provided by the American Cancer Society."

Pruett credits her success thus far to the support of her family and her personal faith, as well as the advisor of the pageant, Vrita Delaine. "Vrita was both a mentor and a friend throughout this year."

Miss Southern 2000

Shaun Elizabeth Richards, better known as "Beth", was crowned Miss Southern 2000 on January 22. A junior from Ellisville majoring in performance theatre, she captured the scholarship, the crown and the coveted chance to represent USM at Miss Mississippi this summer.

Richards is no scholarship pageant novice, she has already competed at Miss Mississippi twice. In fact, last year she was a member of the Top 10 along with Becky Pruett who was then representing USM. Therefore, at this year's event, a friend and a fellow competitor crowned her.

"The Miss America Program is about so much more than the average pageant," said Richards. "The word 'pageant' seems to imply just beauty, and that's not what this one is all about," she said. "This program is America's largest scholarship provider for women."

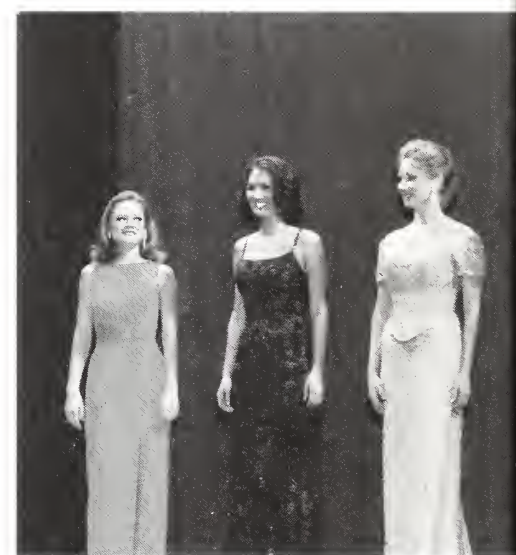
Richards said she thinks that requiring each contestant to develop an area of community service or "platform" is an excellent way to motivate young people to help out in their communities and states.

"My platform issue deals with appreciation of the elderly," said Richards. "It is called Intergenerational Interaction: Bridging the Gap between Youth and Elderly." If Richards is chosen Miss Mississippi, she will promote this community service issue throughout the state, and carry it with her to Miss America. If she is then chosen Miss America, she will promote the issue on a national level.

Does Miss Southern have a favorite category of competition?

Definitely NOT swimwear!" said Richards, laughing. "Who wants to get up in front of the entire school wearing a swimsuit?"

"My favorite is either the interview or talent," said Richards. "Interview because 90 percent of what you would do as Miss Mississippi is public speaking, so to me that's the most important part," she said. "But I also enjoy talent. I just love to sing and it gives me a chance to share that with people."



The ladies of Delta Delta Delta Sorority congratulate their sister, **Beth Richards** after her crowning moment.

Photo submitted



Miss Southern contestants, left to right, **Jenny Watkins**, **Angela Gray**, **Angela Goodwin**, **Bonnie White** and **Chasatee Greenfield** nervously await the announcement of the new title holder.

Photo by Lindsey Theobald



Miss Southern 2000, **Beth Richards** waves to the crowd just after being crowned. Richards, who also won the swimwear award, performed a jazz vocal for the talent segment.

Photo by Lindsey Theobald



Miss Southern 2000, **Beth Richards** (left) and **Becky Pruitt**, Miss Southern 1999, share a hug backstage.

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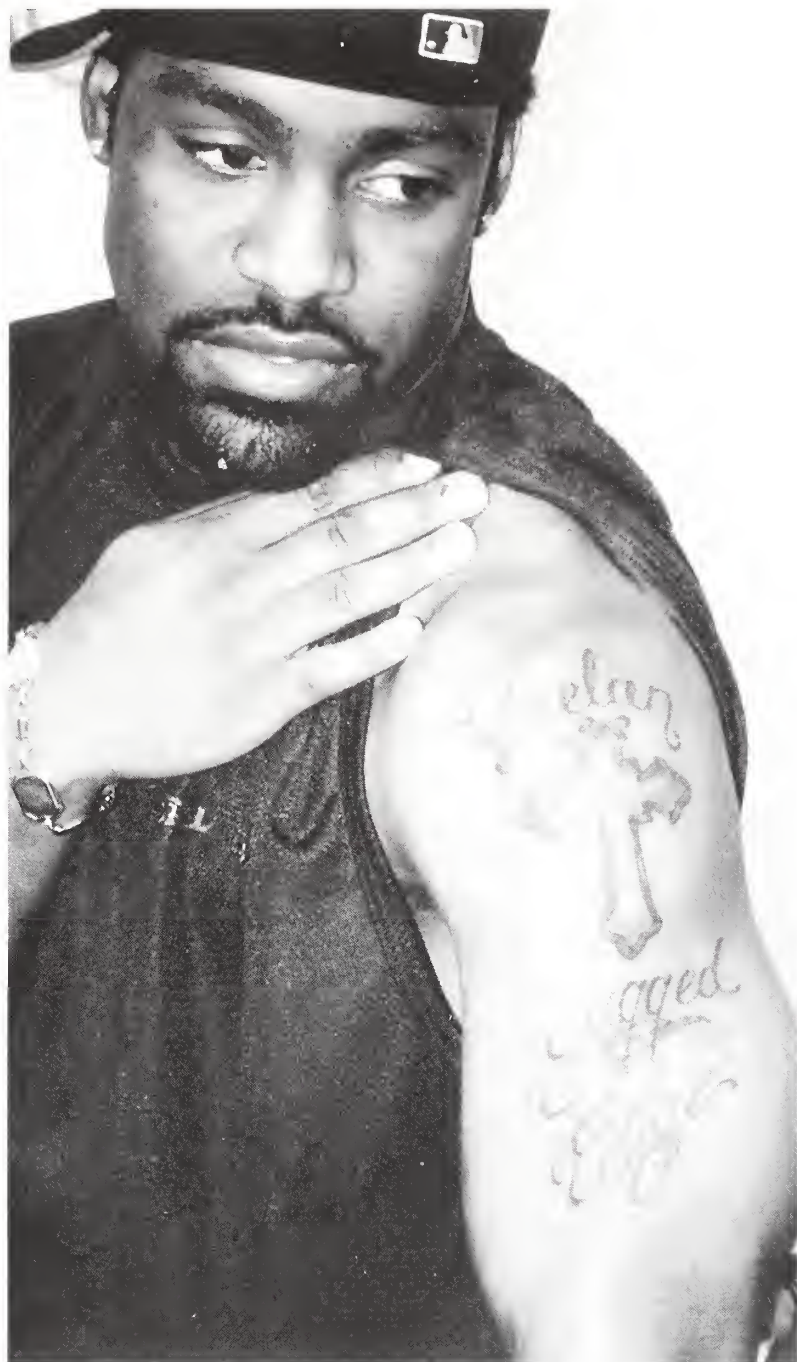
Heidi Morgan from Wilmer, Ala. prepares for the talent segment of competition. Morgan performed a classical ballet on pointe. *Photo by Suslyn Tucker*



Better Than Ezra lead singer, Kevin Griffin rocks out one of their hits. The group performed for an excited crowd at the Forrest County Multi-Purpose Center.

Right: Brian Casey of Jagged Edge and LaTavia Roberson, former member of the band Destiny's Child, relax backstage before the show. The concert packed Bennett Auditorium.





The Band Plays

UAC and SGA team up to bring
Jagged Edge and
On Better Than Ezra
to students

Story By: LaTasha S. McBride

Did somebody say concert? The University of Southern Mississippi was privileged to have two of today's best groups perform this year. These two groups offered two very unique styles and sounds, yet they both were a huge success. USM has always provided students with great entertainment, but this year students weren't just entertained, they were amazed.

The first concert that was held on campus was the Jagged Edge concert. Jagged Edge is one of the top R&B groups of the year. The concert was held in USM's own Bennett Auditorium. Both USM students and members of the community came out to support and enjoy the smooth sounds of this very talented group. "The concert was great, I really like the group and their songs," said senior business major LaShaun Allston. After grooving to the voices of the four young men of Jagged Edge, over 800 fans went home with a smile.

The second concert, was Better Than Ezra. This event was hosted by the University Activities Council and the Student Government Association. Better Than Ezra consists of three guys with lots of talent. This exceptional band pleased the crowd with their unique style and great voices. The concert was held at the Forest County Multi-Purpose Center. Shelley Miles, a junior advertising major said, "I never heard the band play before, but after the show I was really glad that I went."

It isn't everyday that so much talent is brought to one campus. The students at the University of Southern Mississippi are privileged to have organizations that work so that others can have a little fun.

Tatoos are forever:
Jagged Edge band
member Kyle Norman
does some advertising
for the group.



Both students and community supported the Better Then Ezra concert. Fans turned out to hear tunes like, "Good", "Like it like that", and "King of New Orleans".

Above: Aaron McNabb, Tom Drummond and Kevin Griffin of Better Than Ezra sign autographs and meet with fans before taking the stage.



These Two Kings

Story By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Being in a small town and having a close sense of community is one of the many things about USM that makes it a university well loved by students, faculty, and alumni, but often there is the need for more. Fortunately for those of us who are music lovers and crave exposure to a wider variety of musical experiences, the University of Southern Mississippi is still able to satisfy.

Some of us, regrettably, get caught in the mentality that Hattiesburg and Southern Miss are small aspects of a huge world and that we are not on the same level as older, more recognized universities. However, the truth is Southern Miss is every bit as well-recognized as any other university and is capable of proving it by bringing to the campus world-class musicians to entertain students and the community.

Among these acts this year were two musicians of immense talent from very different backgrounds who both won over audiences with their performing abilities.

In a highly celebrated event, internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma journeyed to USM to perform for area music lovers. Yo-Yo Ma joined the USM Symphony Orchestra in the Mississippi premiere of Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1.

This marked the ten-time Grammy winner's first performance in Mississippi, but hopefully, for those who experienced the wonder of his playing, it will not be his last.

The second concert that gained a great measure of acclaim was the April 2nd performance of legendary blues musician B.B. King. A true master of the stage, King won the crowd over with phenomenal music, stories of past performances, and by sharing insight into how and why his songs were written.

The B.B. King performance was opened by local blues artist Vesti Jackson, and King was backed throughout the concert by musicians who have been members of his Blues Band for many years.

Perhaps the first thing that we think about these two concerts is how wonderful it is that Southern Miss would be able to bring to campus two very different acts to satisfy two different types of audiences. However, this was not what was actually accomplished by bringing these two acts. Instead, both acts were enjoyed, not by separate groups, but by all walks of life on campus and the community as music lovers were brought together by their mutual love of and respect for two very great musicians.





Liberty Bowl Victory

Golden Eagles Bring the Bell Home



The Liberty Bowl victory took the Golden Eagles to 13th in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll and 14th in the Associated Press Poll. **Adalius Thomas** was voted most valuable player of the bowl game.

Story by: Phillip Geiger

Fireworks abounded. People were frantic. Excitement and anticipation were in the air.

Sure, Y2K was only hours away. But for the Southern Miss Golden Eagles and the Colorado State Rams, there was still work to be done in the 20th century at the Liberty Bowl on this Tennessee night.

The Golden Eagles rose to the occasion, winning 23-17 in front of 54,866 fans, the third largest crowd in Liberty Bowl history. But it wasn't pretty.

Colorado State was deep in its own territory when Eagles' safety Chad Williams recovered Rams' quarterback Matt Newton's fumble and ran for a touchdown.

After a 35-yard field goal by Ram's kicker C.W. Hurst, the Rams were looking to take the lead in their next drive, but had their punt blocked by John Floyd on their 11-yard line. USM's Brandon Francis recovered and ran in for a touchdown, giving the Eagles a 13-3 lead.

The Rams answered by composing the first sustained drive of the game. The Eagles' slim 13-10 lead was fading fast and disappeared altogether when Newton threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Cory Woostenhulme.

Down 17-13, the Eagles were determined to regain the lead before halftime. Quarterback Jeff Kelly led the way to victory by throwing a 19-yard completion to Sherrod Gideon and a 14-yard pass to Todd Pinkston. Kelly then scrambled for a 22-yard gain, putting the Eagles 12 yards away from taking the lead. On fourth-and-short, Derrick Nix took the hand-off and scored, giving the Eagles a 20-17 lead.

The second half belonged to the Golden Eagle defense, which allowed only 116 total yards. The Eagles also forced a critical turnover in the third quarter when defensive end Adalius Thomas sacked Newton, forcing a fumble, which was recovered by Cedric Scott. A 25-yard field goal by Brant Hannah resulted, extending the Eagles' lead to 23-17.

As expected, Thomas was voted Most Valuable Player of the 41st annual Liberty Bowl, after having a team-high eight tackles and the team's only sack. Thomas said after the game that the defense took care of business in the Liberty Bowl.

"We gained respect for the conference, the state and our program," Thomas Said.

As a result of the victory, the Eagles rose to 13th in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll and 14th in the Associated Press Poll; the highest a Southern Miss team has ever finished in end-of-season rankings.

"Our ranking is a clear indication of how good our team is," said head coach Jeff Bower.

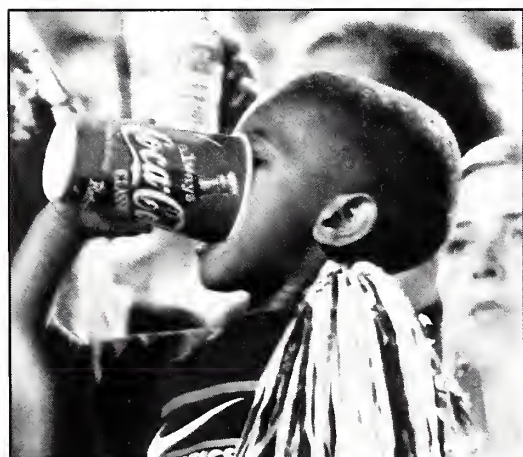


Black and Gold Fever

Two Bits, Four Bits ...

School Spirit at Southern Miss

Story By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal



(Top) The lead singer of King Konga whips the crowd at the Fountain into a frenzy. (Middle) Seymour marches to the sound of The Pride. (Bottom) A young fan enjoys a Coke while he cheers on the Golden Eagles (and possibly an older sibling).

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the University of Southern Mississippi is that every time students cross a street, enter a building, or step into a new classroom, they are likely to come face-to-face with fellow students that hail from a foreign country. However, it is not just students being of differing nationalities that make this campus diverse. No it is everything from the fact that some of us are young, some old, we have different interests and look to different organizations to entertain or support us. However, one thing that we all have in common is just the plain fact that we are all students and faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi.

However, for many students, that common bond means little more than that we all pay money to the same place. Unfortunately, the days of great students body unity seem to be fading as we concentrate more on the future than on our heritage and what it means to be part of a great university with a proud history. For whatever reason, students do not seem to feel the bonds that used to signify university life.

On this campus, however, there are still those students who feel that to attend a university is to be a part of something greater than just the day-to-day drag of going to classes. These students that you see attending every home game faithfully, even if they don't really care about sports, or volunteering with outreach programs, even if they don't have time. For those students, school spirit is not something that they think about — it is just a way of life.

Some of these students who have made school spirit a key aspect of their college experience have joined forces to create the concept of "The Varsity". The purpose of this movement is to have the entire student body be known as "The Varsity", giving all students a common bond. Not an organization, this group's very reason for existing is to stir students into taking pride in Southern Miss. In 2000, an initiative will go before the Southern Miss Student Senate to have the student body officially recognized as "The Varsity". Whether or not this initiative passes the Senate, the students working with "The Varsity" have proven that to have school spirit, you must show it.

Yes, we all know that the main purpose of attending a university is to become better educated and to receive our degrees. However, a university should also be a place where loyalties and memories are formed. What better way to do this than by showing pride in the places and people you spend four or five of the best years of your life with?

Going My

Bicycles become the easiest
Way? way to navigate
the campus.

Story By: LaTasha S. McBride

A new rage has taken over our campus. No longer do we have to worry about the hassle of parking or waiting in long lines for decals. Yes, those days are over! The students of USM have taken it upon themselves to trade in their car keys for a helmet and some kneepads. Students have found a healthy and exciting way of transportation - riding bikes!

To most, riding a bike is not the ideal source of transportation, but it sure does beat the struggle of looking for a place to park. With USM's growing population, students are as likely to find a parking place as a needle in a haystack, unless they choose to park a few blocks from campus.

However, parking is not the only reason why so many are taking part in "Pedal Mania". Many bike riders feel that bikes are a much safer and healthier way to ride.

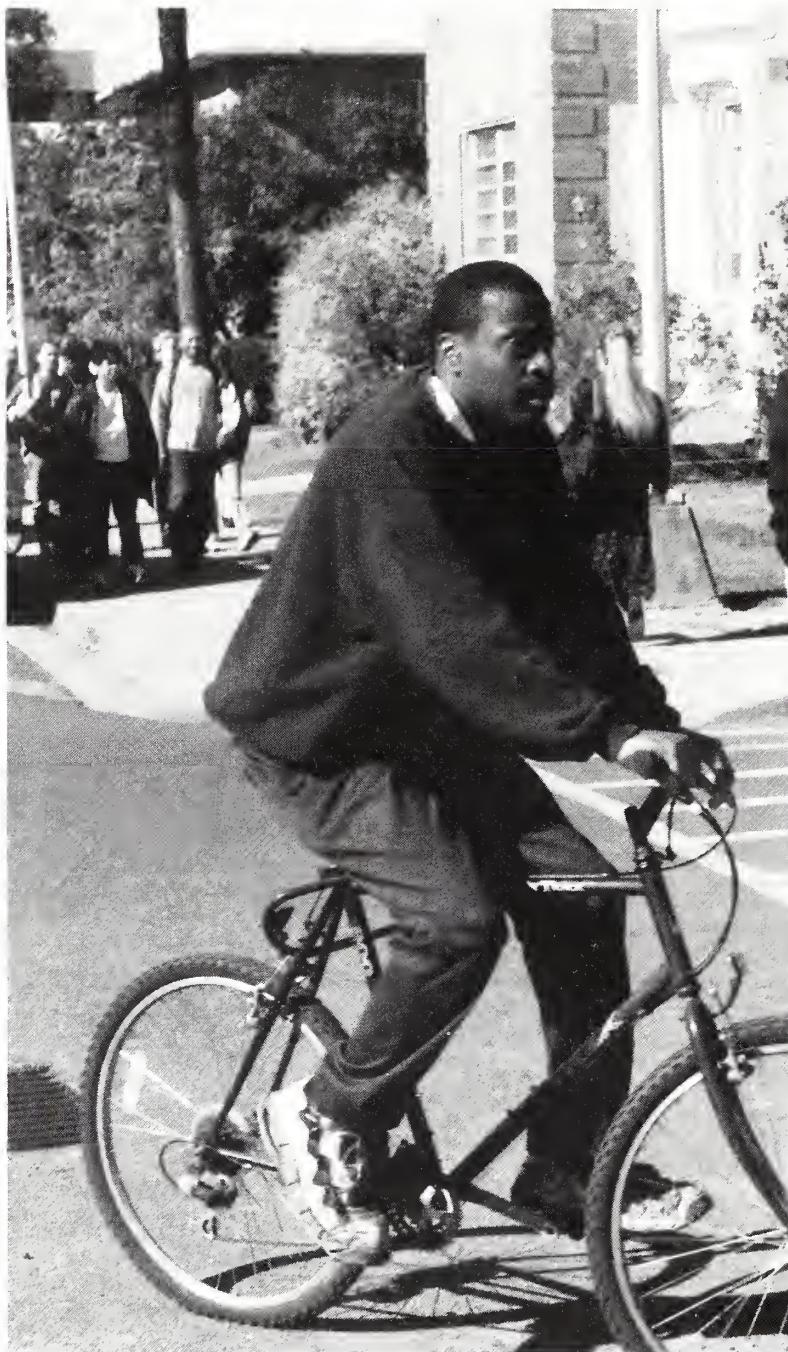
Another reason that students turn to bikes for transportation is the weather. "With such beautiful weather, walking or riding a bike is the only way to really enjoy it," said Kara Thorton, a junior Marketing major.

Students are not the only ones who have turned to bikes. Bikes have made patrolling the campus a much easier task. How exciting to see many of our campus police officers whizzing by on bikes!

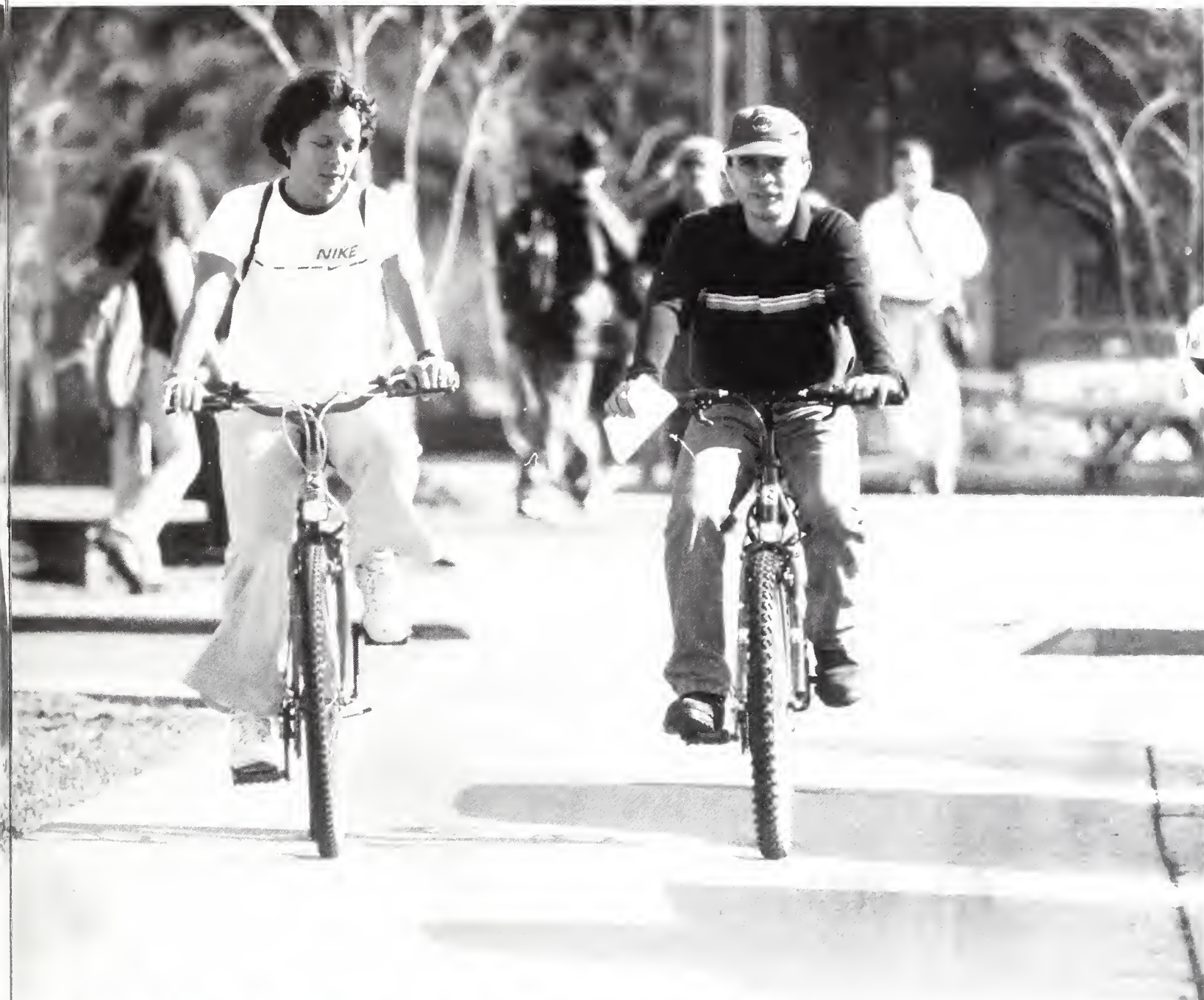
However, despite the popularity of bike riding, some students say they would never ride a bike on campus.

"Riding a bike is for people who either don't have a car or live close to campus", said History major John Butler. Well, the living close to campus part may be true, but many students simply feel that riding a bike is just as good as driving, only a little slower; especially uphill.

Perhaps the question that is on everyone's mind is will pedal mania last? The question is yet to be answered, but a bike might be on my school-shopping list for next year! What about you?



Riding a bike between classes makes the task of getting where you need to be a lot easier. The longer you ride, the better the cardio workout.



As the number of cyclists increase on campus, you never know who you might meet while riding.

Bicycles are not cars, but often share the road with larger and heavier vehicles. Remember to follow the rules of the road.



In Trying Times

Religious organizations offer students strength and hope

Story By: Natalie S. Everett



(Top) **Carrie Sellers** of the Crossroads Student Ministry raises her voice in song. (Middle) Two students stand unified in prayer. (Bottom) **Donna Smith** and **Elizabeth Bonner** join hands to pray for one another.

Being in the Bible Belt makes the University of Southern Mississippi automatically possess a large number of Christians, but to say that this belief dominates the campus would not do justice to the immense diversity that exists on campus.

Christians are of course a major part of this campus, with such organizations as the Catholic Student Association, the Baptist Student Union, and the Reformed University Fellowship available to help Christians evolve in their faith.

However, some students feel that this division of faiths leads to a loss of brother and sisterhood among Christians who should be unified in their pursuit of God.

"I tend to participate more in small bible studies than in the larger organizations because I feel that my relationship with God can be overshadowed by large group activities," Tanya O'Neal, a senior English major said. "When you focus on the social aspects of the organizations, you can sometimes forget about the importance of a one-on-one relationship with God," said O'Neal.

There are many reasons for students to become involved with religious organizations on campus. Students make new friends, share in social activities, deepen their faith and form support networks, all of which help to make the college experience more rewarding.

Some students feel secure in their own beliefs. Some are reluctant to understand or experience other beliefs. However, the true nature of the college experience is to journey outside of the confines of our own lives and broaden our mental and spiritual horizons.

College was for many of us the bridge of adolescence to adulthood. We took advantage of every opportunity to party and learned the hard way to live on our own. After a while, we began to realize that we weren't just sleeping in class anymore. We became intrigued by that one special professor who forced us to think and made us realize we had valid ideas and an opinion. More than grades, somewhere among 8:00 a.m. classes at the Liberal Arts Building, our frantic search for just one scantron sheet, and dodging all the construction at Southern Miss, we came upon something that filled an empty space inside and made us all feel like family.



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COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

The College of the Arts offers one of the most rigorous and rewarding educational experiences at the University of Southern Mississippi. Students must not only take the same core curriculum as any other student, they must also dedicate every spare moment to rehearsing the skills that will make them better musicians, artist, actors, and dancers.

However, for those who truly love the art they study, these requirements are pursued diligently and with joy.

"Musicians love what they do, so it's not unusual to see us practicing until late into the night," Jennifer Hall, a junior music major, said.

With many qualified and experienced teachers, music majors have strong guiding forces as they pursue their academic and musical educations.

"The teachers are very serious about what they teach and about their students," Hall said.

The school of music also provides much public entertainment with events such as jazz and percussion concerts.

The art department develops the skills of

aspiring artists. Artists must spend equally rigorous hours per day drawing, sketching, painting and sculpting, always in pursuit of the perfect image.

The theater and dance departments allow students to bring their imaginations to life, to stun audiences with emotion and revel in the ultimate joy — the crash of applause that heralds a performance well done.

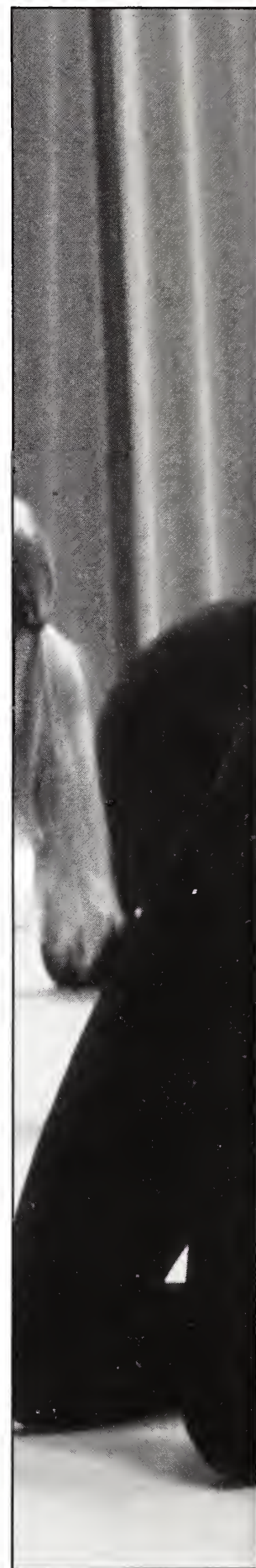
The College of Arts also works to involve the community in its events, offering programs for children to learn music, dance and art. These include opportunities at every level, from the Repertoire Orchestra for young students, to acting workshops and many concert performance that are open to the public.

Another outlet for student and community involvement is the Woods Art Gallery, which features several art exhibits throughout the year.

By involving the community in the great gift of art, the College of the Arts is one of the most popular aspects of the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Carillon hand bell choir prepares for competition. The handbell choir even participated in a European tour during the summer of 2000.

Photo by: Mackenzie Rogers





The Orchestra rehearses before another stellar performance. *Photo by: Mackenzie Rogers.*

Dance major Kristen Bardreaux stretches during class warm-ups. The dance department at USM has been growing since its humble beginnings in 1972. *Photo by: Stephanie M. Cruthards*

ARTS PRODUCTIONS

By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

While many students lock themselves in libraries, sleep for hours to avoid the harsh light of day, kick back with friends, or just waste time, those dedicated students involved with art productions at USM work hard to bring high-class, quality entertainment to this campus.

In the last year, students and the public have been dazzled by many outstanding performances at the hands of these talented artists.

The theater department at USM has been honored and highly praised for its production of "The Rimers of Eldrich". This play, featuring haunting music and painfully realistic characters, was invited to participate in the American College Theater Festival at both the state and regional levels.

These invitations led to the great honor of being invited to perform on the national level at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., April 19th and 20th. R.B. Hill, who retires this year from the USM faculty, directed this play.

"This was a great honor to receive, since R.B. Hill will be retiring this year," said Stephen Judd, set designer for the play.

In a highly celebrated event, internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma journeyed to USM to perform for area music lovers. Yo-Yo Ma joined the USM Symphony Orchestra in the Mississippi premiere of Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1.

This marked the ten-time grammy winner's first performance in Mississippi.

In what have become must-see events for many, the USM Steel Drum Band and Samba Bands held their concerts to sold-out audiences.

With a flair for the artistic and a love of involving the crowd, John Wooten, professor of percussion, led his bands through selections of Caribbean music.

In a year filled with stunning performances and many honors, the family of USM performers has proven once again their talent and their ability to hold audiences spellbound.



Renowned baritone Robert Sims was a featured performer during Black History Month.

Photo by Mackenzie Rogers



The jazz band performs a wonderful piece for a dazzled audience. *Photo by Stephanie M. Gruthards*

Graduate student **Jason Johnson** stars as Skelly in The Rimers of Eldrich which was directed by R.B. Hill. *Photo submitted by R.B. Hill*

College of Business Administration

By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

As the world becomes steadily more globally and economically competitive, future businessmen and women will effect every aspect of how our world works. At the College of Business Administration at USM, the training of these future leaders is of the utmost importance.

"The classes business students take are always up-to-date and relevant to the job fields we will be entering," said Court Duvall, a senior finance major. With a market ever-changing, this current information allows students the best possible chances to enter the job force.

However, it is not just the information gives these students an edge, but the teachers who work closely with the students.

"The business professors almost always have real-world experience in the fields that they teach about, so they are very knowledgeable," Duvall said. "They also are receptive to questions that students have and are always willing to help

students in need."

The bond between students and teachers creates an atmosphere for success. Since the college was founded in 1947, it has flourished. The college has its own magazine, connections to international colleges which attract exchange students, and has received numerous awards in past years.

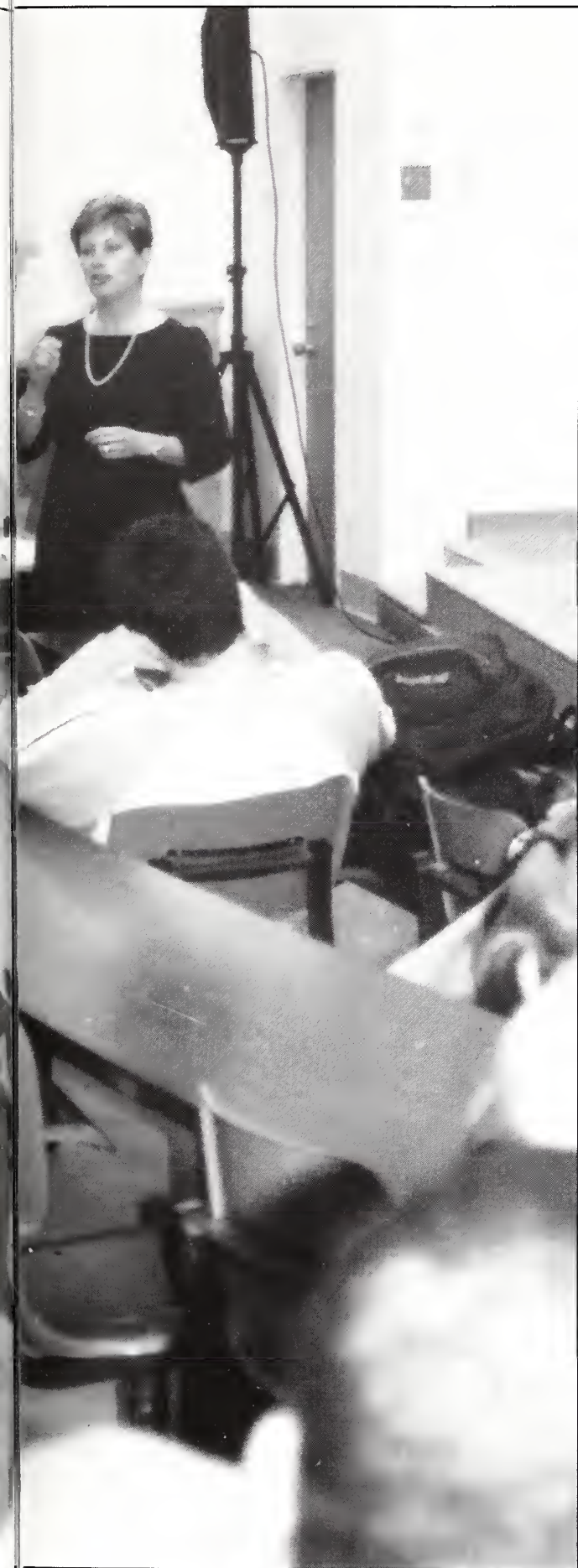
"There is an atmosphere here that is wonderful for learning," Duvall said. "Group activity is pervasive, and students are encouraged to participate."

For many students, professors are simply those people that force them to attend class and do homework when they would rather sleep. However, within the walls of the business classes, students find that their teachers are key in the process of learning and developing skills that will serve them as they enter an ever changing job market.



Dr. Dolly Loyd teaches her lively MKT 444 class. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*





Future businessmen and businesswomen learn skills that will help them advance their careers. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Carolyn Shank, CFO of Entergy Corporation, brings real-world experience to a MGT 300 class. Professors often invite guest lecturers to supplement regular course work. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Education and Psychology

By: Tamara M. Nelson

When you think of the College of Education and Psychology you might think of teachers and "shrinks." The college trains two of the most important occupations in society today.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, the College of Education and Psychology is one of the oldest and most honored colleges of the institution. It is well accredited, well staffed, and noted not only in this state, but all over the nation for its excellence in the field of education and psychology.

The teaching programs offered through the colleges are accepted nationwide as quality training for teaching professionals and has received accreditation from The National Council for Accreditation of Teachers (NCFE).

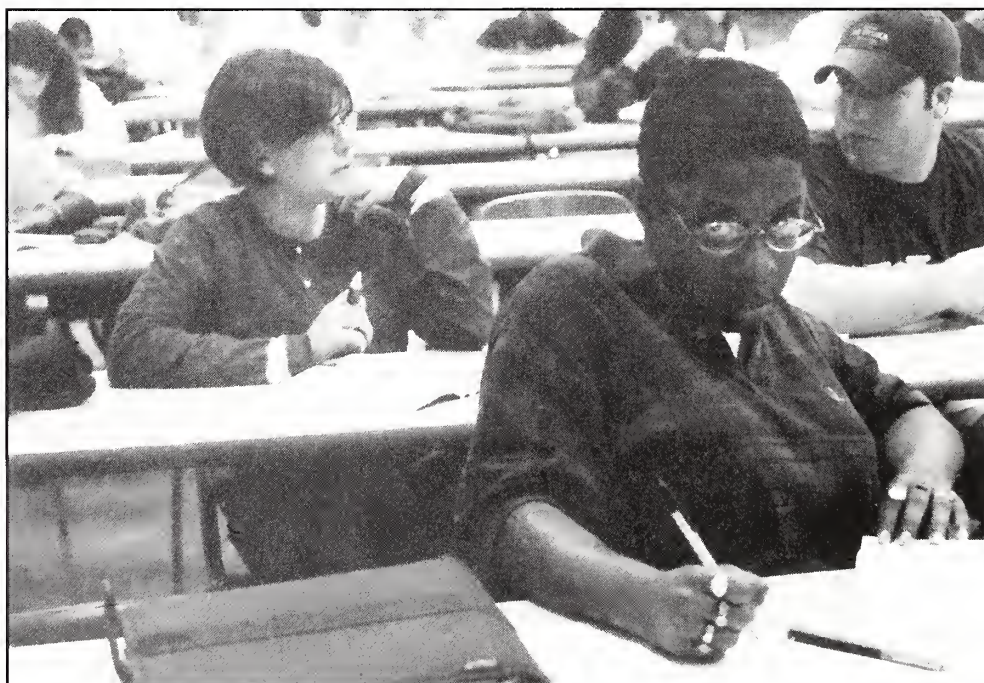
The council oversees programs offered at various institutions to insure the quality of the programs. Because of its high standards, the college was noted for meeting and exceeding requirements.

The education department is one of 23 institutions in the nation to meet such high standards of accreditation at such a high level. The department of education offers a variety of programs and has an excellent success rate among graduates.

Also well regarded is the psychology department. It is one of fifteen schools that has full accreditation in all three applicable areas from the American Psychological Association. It is also one in five of universities designated to be a "Center of Excellence."

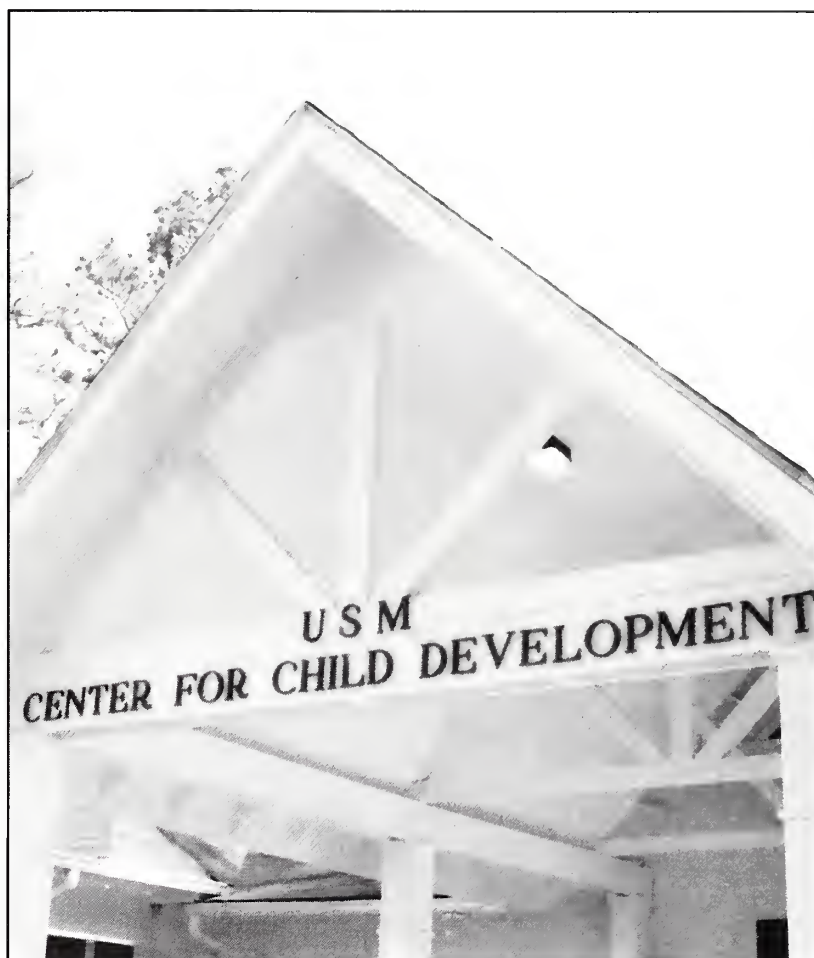
The program cited as being in the top ten programs in the nation in productivity. It is one of the largest undergraduate programs in the university. The college is truly great in all areas and continues to strive for excellence.

As every one makes plans for the millennium the College of Education and Psychology has one basic plan: upgrading, upgrading, and upgrading. The year 2000 is the year of the College of Education and Psychology.



Students in a Psychology class try to finish their work. Photo by Mackenzie Rogers





The University's Childcare facility is well used by many students, faculty, and staff who have a home in or around Hattiesburg. The center is also the place of employment for some students. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Kelli Commarato swings a child in her care at the University Day Care Center. The center serves many children whose parents have an affiliation with the University. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Health and Human Sciences

By: Chiquita Fonquita Deseree

The College of Health and Human Sciences has been steadily increasing the number of enrolled students since its founding in 1988.

This college includes the School of Social Work, School of Family and Consumer Sciences, School of Human Performance and Recreation, Department of Hospitality Management, and the Center for Community Health.

"Improving the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities" is the mission of this college. To better prepare students for their chosen careers, the programs include field experiences, practicum and internships, which allow hands-on

contact and personal experiences in the students' specific field of study in the community. In fact, the College of Health and Human Sciences takes a large role in the community through its students, having dedicated 169,079 hours to serving the public.

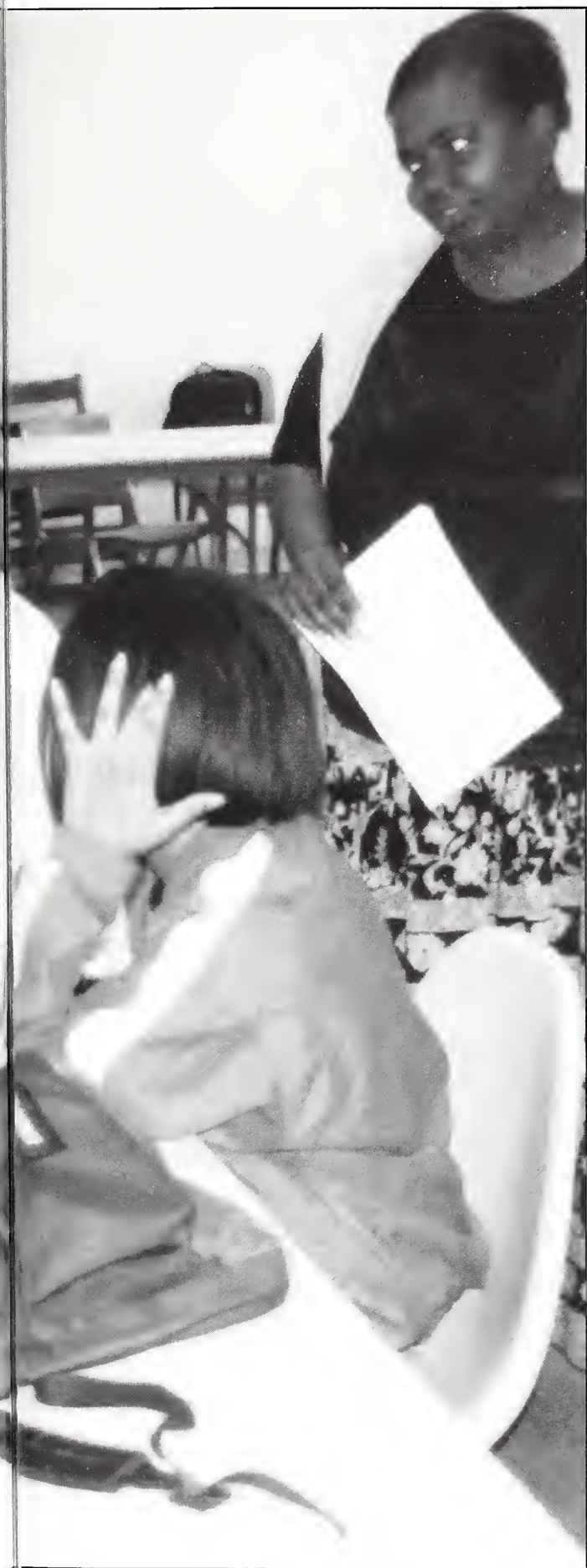
Through the hard work and dedication of the students and faculty, a large number of the students receive jobs in their career field.

The effective interaction between the faculty and students attributes substantially to the success of the students. This student-centered college remains focused on the success and well being of its students



Students listen attentively to a lecture.
Photo by Mackenzie Rogers





Students in a social work class work together to complete an assignment. *Photo by Thelma Lee Rogers*

Dr. Dolores Williams presents information to a social work class. In this rapidly changing field there is always something new for both teachers and students to learn. *Photo by Thelma Lee Rogers*

International and Continuing Education

By: LaTasha S. McBride

The College of International and Continuing Education constantly strives to provide programs that stimulate the minds of students on a more internationally conscious basis. When it comes to broadening your horizons, the possibilities are endless. The education and experiences gained through the numerous programs offered by this college are those that will last a lifetime.

"The college is an entrepreneurial academic unit. This is perhaps what makes this college such an important force on campus as well as in regions abroad," said Tim Hudson, dean of the College of International and Continuing Education.

New changes such as the new international Ph.D. program have made many stand up and take notice. In addition, programs functioning on the international level have been established in Vietnam, the Caribbean, Cuba, and Spain. The British Studies program and new exchange relationships with France and Mexico are also areas that promise to be a great success.

The English Language Institute is a vital part of the department, continuing to provide foreign students with a chance to improve their language skills as well as

to build new relationships that otherwise would not be possible. The classroom setting, intensive workload and training prepare many for regular English classes after only an 8-week session.

Continuing education is a driving force in education. After starting with two programs, there are now 50 in progress. The number of students involved in this aspect of the university is steadily rising.

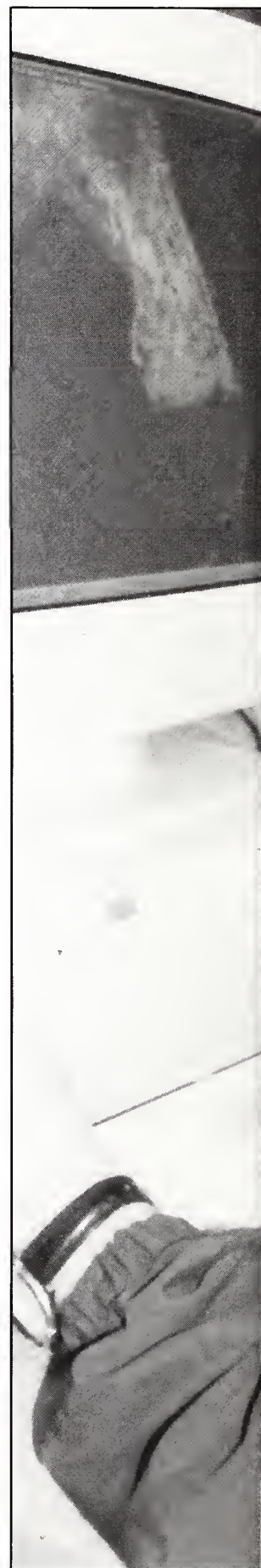
Also, the Hattiesburg campus and Gulf Coast campus are interacting more than ever. With many new ideas being explored, there is much anticipation as to what will happen next.

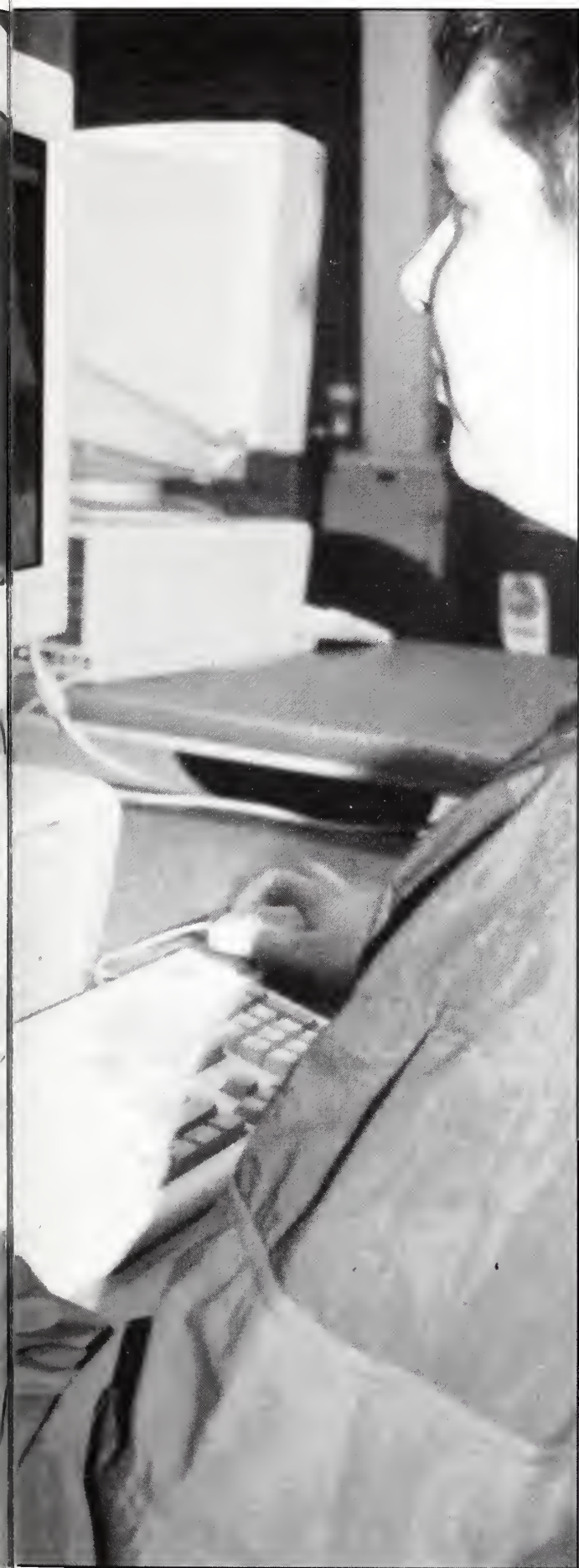
The College of International and Continuing Education is committed to offering opportunities for students to study abroad.

Faculty and staff are taking all the necessary steps to ensure the best education possible by attending workshops and taking part in professional development seminars.

Dr. Micheal Harrison helps **Eric Williamson** process images for a remote sensing project, which the geography department is currently working on. The department is part of the College of Continuing Education.

Photo by Mackenzie Rogers





International students perform a traditional Columbian dance. They capture their audience, at Turtle Creek Mall in Hattiesburg, with their grace and colorful costumes. *Photo submitted*

Left, a student works on a geography project in the computer lab. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers.*

LIBERAL ARTS

By: Angelic Dawkins
and Spring-Serenity O'Neal

The College of Liberal Arts is unsurpassed in its diversity. Since separating from the College of Science and Technology in 1970, the College of Liberal Arts has experienced steady growth and now houses over three thousand students and more than 150 full and part-time faculty.

As a result of this growth The College of Liberal Arts moved to a new \$11 million building on the west side of campus in the fall of 1999.

The new building was designed to alleviate space problems that have plagued the College of Liberal Arts for many years.

"The building is 86,000 square feet and now houses seven departments of the College of Liberal Arts," Steve Hauer, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts said.

These seven departments included anthropology and religion, political science, history, criminal justice, English, foreign language, philosophy and religion and the Dean's office.

This move has been especially beneficial for the members of the department of anthropology and

sociology, Dr. Edwin Jackson, Chair of the department said.

"This move was really good for our department because this is the first time the anthropology and sociology departments have been housed together in 15 years," Jackson said.

Though the building still lacks some finishing touches, the faculty and staff are pleased with the building. Now, with seminar rooms, new space for the Writing Center, added office space and the Gonzales Auditorium, the College of Liberal Arts faculty and students have the needed space to teach and learn.

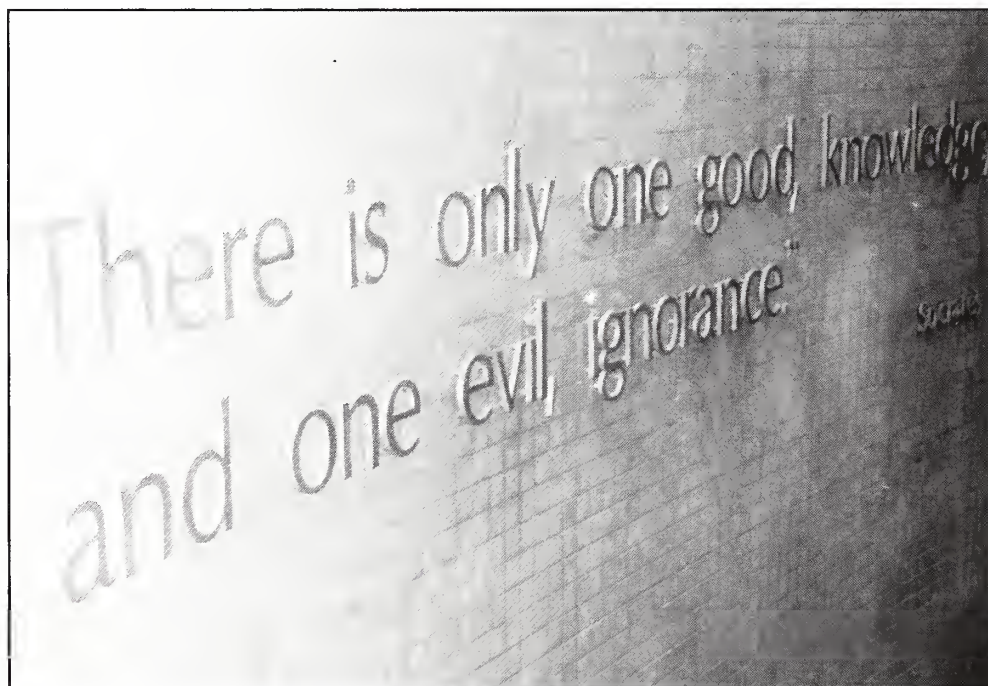
"The biggest positive is the classrooms," Joe Parker, professor of political science said. "The classrooms we had before were small, dark and cramped, but now we have larger, tiered classrooms."

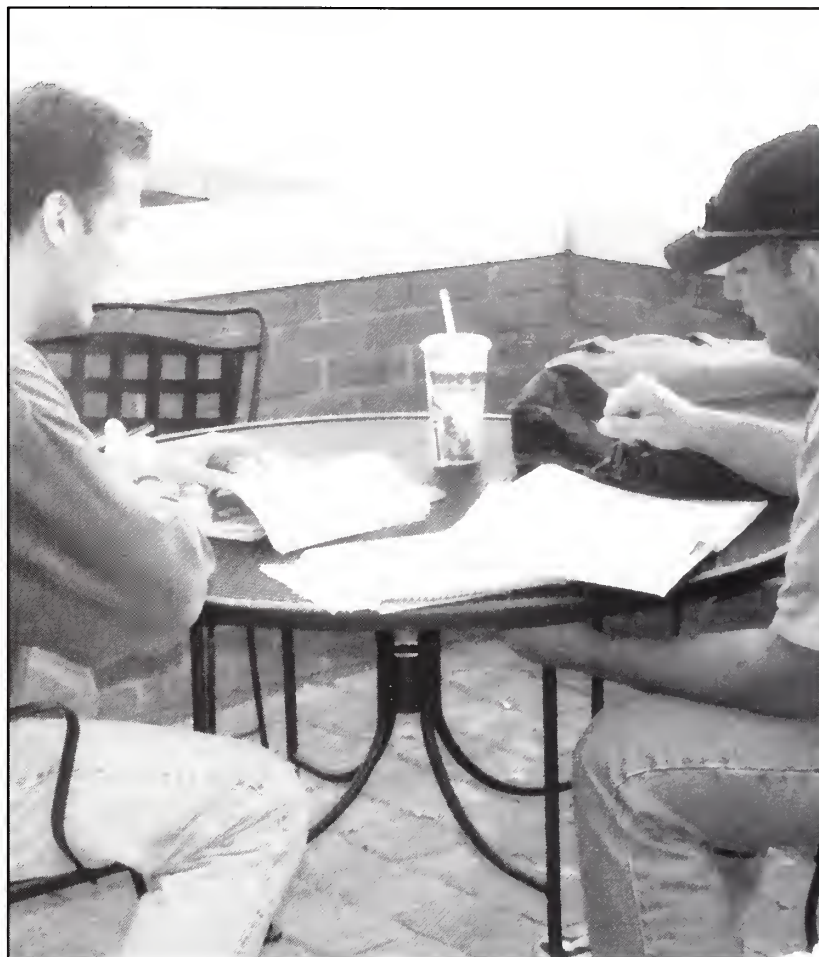
This leads to better interaction and understanding between teachers and students, Parker said.

"We can make eye contact with our students now instead of dealing with the grade school-style desks and chairs we had before," Parker said.

This quote is one of many featured in the new \$11 million dollar Liberal Arts Building. All quotes featured were chosen by Liberal Arts faculty members.

Photo by: Mackenzie Rogers





Paul McInnis (left) and **Robert Sidaway** find a few precious moments to study. After exhausting funds for constructing the new building, officials are depending on donations to complete landscaping plans. *Photo by: Mackenzie Rogers*

In a mix of new-age and old-fashioned architecture, these columns in front of the new Liberal Arts Building welcome students to enter and learn. *Photo by: Mackenzie Rogers.*

College of Nursing

By: Shana Nelson

A group led by Sister Mary Remegius (Elizabeth C. Haikins) established the USM College of Nursing in 1967 in response to the American Nurses Association position that nursing education should be placed under the auspice of degree-granting institutions.

The School of Nursing became a college in 1997 with Dr. Gerry Cadenhead as dean. Cadenhead has since worked hard to put the College of Nursing among the top in the region.

"The College of Nursing enjoys a fine reputation for an outstanding faculty, highly qualified students, and graduates who become leaders in nursing in the south and in the nation," Cadenhead said.

This college has campuses in Hattiesburg, Long Beach, and Meridian. It serves the Gulf Coast region of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama with eight colleges offering bachelor, master, and new doctoral degrees, including one of the oldest honors programs in the nation and an outstanding international studies program.

Through these outlets, students who are dedicated to serving the needs of others receive many opportunities to learn.

However, with these opportunities comes much hard work and strict requirements that students must follow in order to receive their license to serve.

Students who are dedicated enough to make it through these requirements are now being offered a way to further pursue their education.

In 1999, the USM Graduate School announced the addition of a doctor of philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in nursing. This new program admitted its first students in fall 1999.

The goal of the program is to prepare leaders in all areas of professional nursing who have a strong foundation in research methods and theory development.

As nursing continues to be a career in very high demand, the College of Nursing at USM prepares students for the rigors and joys of nursing and gives patients the assurance that they are well cared for.



This emblem is a symbol of those who practice medicine. This is not a symbol for doctors only, but for nurses as well. Photo by: Tanya O'Neal





Amy Harris examines her "patient" for class in the Nursing Lab. Such "examinations" occur frequently so teachers can test their students' knowledge of proper procedures. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Dana Edwards allows **Beth Eastland** to examine her ankle for class. Many classes are held in the Nursing Lab for juniors and seniors who plan to enter the field. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Science and Technology

By: Heather Hungerford

In an ever changing world of computers, inventions and new scientific knowledge, the College of Science and Technology at USM works to meet the demand for well trained, capable scientists.

To that end, faculty and staff at the college make strong efforts to insure that their students overcome freshman troubles and stay in college.

"Our Freshman Mentor Program pairs one student with one faculty member and allows them to build a relationship based on mutual interests that are not necessarily academic," Rbin Barnett, assistant dean in charge of student relations said.

These interests include Halloween and Valentine socials, as well as participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"We dedicate our participation in the relay to two geology professors who have passed away, Dan Sundeen and Chris Cameron," said Barnett.

This program, now in its sixth year, accomplished its goal by helping all of the freshman class of science students stay in

school.

"The national drop out rate is about 50 percent," Barnett said. "But with our program we achieved 100 percent retention of our students." But it is not just the freshmen that Barnett and others struggle to keep in school.

"The freshman year is key in that students need help adjusting," Barnett said.

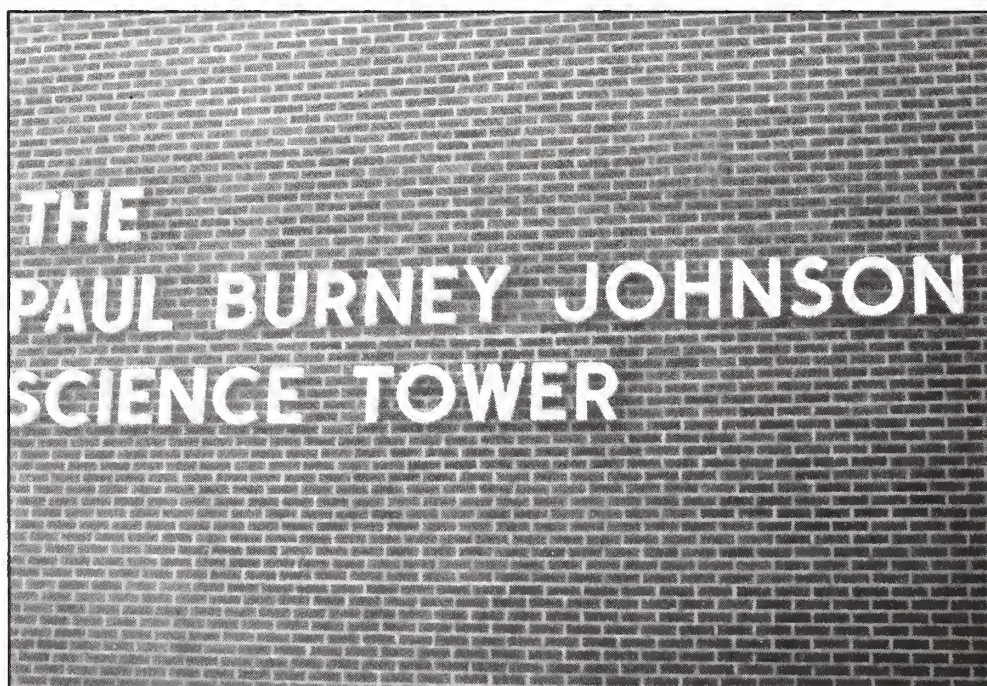
However, sophmores through seniors are also assisted, with recognition for high grades and assistance with finding career opportunities after college.

"We try to encourage them and help them deal with all areas of student life, as well as what happens after school," Barnett said.

But it is not just those students with a passion for science that pass through the many science and technology classes on campus.

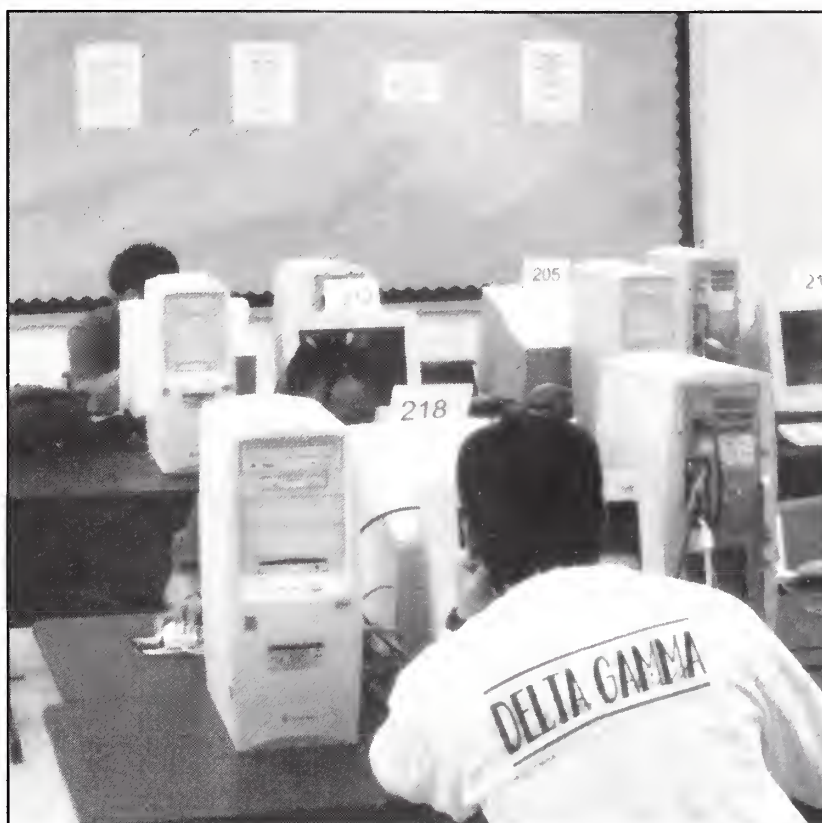
Because of USM's core curriculum requirements to take one mathematics course and two lab science courses, this college has taken part in the education of almost every student at USM.

With so many students of different backgrounds and goals to work with, this college is very student oriented and strives to maintain a strong working relationship with its students.



The Johnson Science Tower is one of the buildings used to house the Science department. At 10 stories it is the tallest building on campus.

Photo by William J. Stancic



The Johnson Science Tower computer lab is one of the two main labs on campus run by The College of Science and Technology. It is frequented primarily by Science students. *Photo by William J. Stansbury*

Dr. Brady Rimes explains the Towers of Hanoi problem to his CSC 307 class. The problem is one of many creative ways Dr. Rimes uses to teach students and keep them interested in learning. *Photo by Matthew Rogers*

Graduate School

By: Shana Nelson

Caps in the air, people cheer, cameras flash, students file out-yes, you have graduated!

Welcome to a new beginning, now what? For many students, the answer lies in the graduate school.

Graduate education represents the highest level of advanced study used acquire a master, specialist, or doctoral degree in an academic college.

The graduate school was established in 1947 to recognize the university's growing responsibilities as a center of higher learning and provide an academic environment in which advanced research and free inquiry could develop to the advantage of both the and student and the state.

Like the national graduate student

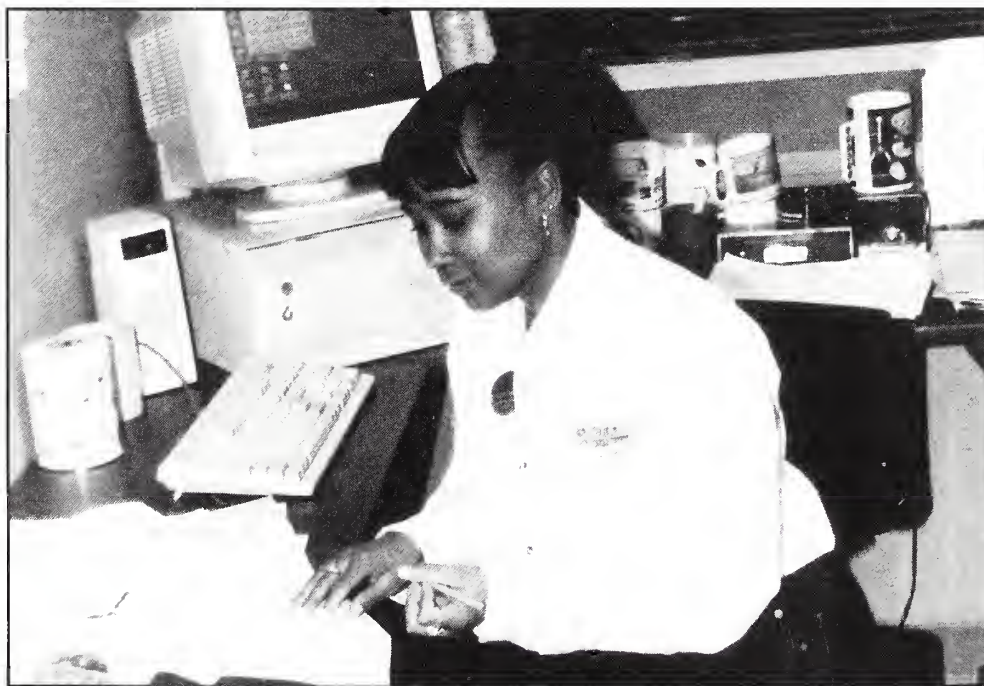
population, the numbers of graduate students here are at a constant level. Presently, there are over 2700 men and women involved in eighty advanced degree programs.

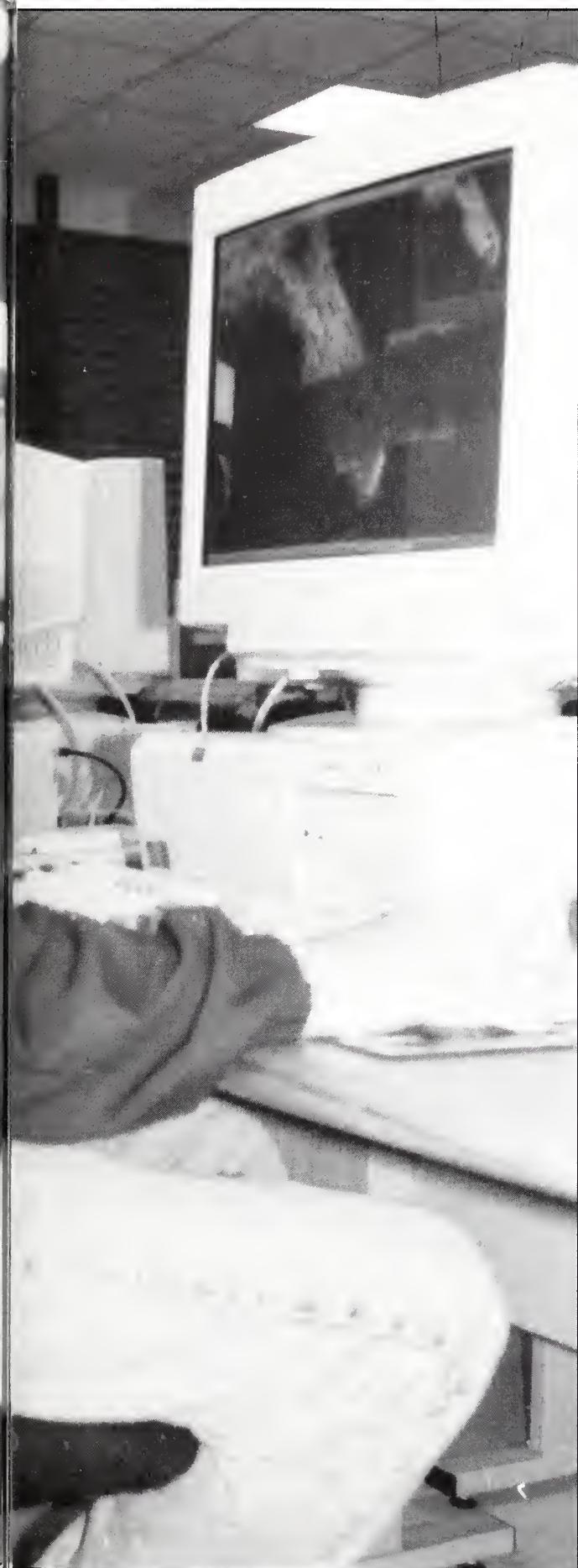
Dr. Anselm C. Griffin, the dean who oversee this school executes the policies determined by the Graduate Council . He believes a student's graduate school experience should be filled with excitement and with the challenge to stretch the student's abilities to the fullest.

"The new millennium looks promising and we at the graduate school are in a good position to provide a pleasant academic environment which both stimulates and rewards your growth," Griffin said.

Stephanie Bullock is a graduate student working on a Masters in Business Administration. She has a graduate assistantship position in the Union.

Photo submitted





A graduate worker at the University Center for Child Development carefully watches the children she is in charge of. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Judson Edwards is working towards a PhD in International Development. He is busy on a project that the Geography Department is currently being funded for. *Photo by Mackenzie Rogers*

Honors College

By: Natalie S. Everett

To broaden and deepen, to enhance and enrich students' undergraduate experience; to offer them a broadly based curriculum as we introduce them to courses and subjects that they wouldn't have an opportunity to take otherwise -- this is the purpose of USM's Honors College according to Dean Maurine Ryan.

This attitude of excellence through exposure has resulted in a continued pattern of success as the Honor College boasts students who prove triumphant in national and state competition.

One such student this year is Lance Brown winner of a coveted Truman Fellowship. He is also listed on the USA Today's All Academic Team roster for 2000.

In the past two years the college has been home to one of only three science students recognized nationally as Goldwater Scholars. USM's Honors College has also been home to two of the four Rhodes Scholar finalists chosen from the state of Mississippi during the past year. One such student finalist this year is Mohammed Ali.

The Honors College is achieving its purpose by giving its students graduate experience in undergraduate research. Students from each of the University's colleges comprise the Honors College. Each of these students gains expanded insight through the University Foreign Lecture Series. The college offers credit for the series to non-honors students. The college also offers guidance to those students outside of the college who wish to compete for the Rhodes Scholarship and Truman Fellowships.

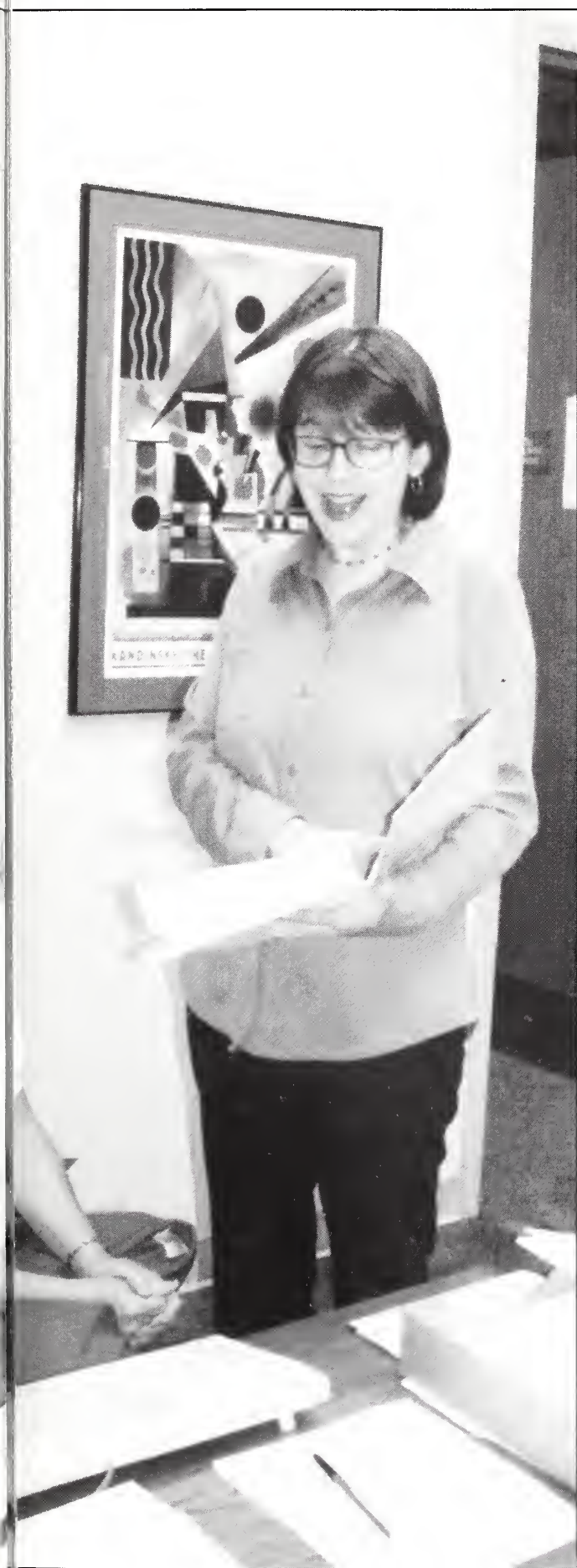
The Honors College Ambassadors, a committee of upperclassmen in the college are the new 'Southern Style' of the Honors College. This group will be acting as representative for the college and will be helping in future recruitment of prospective students as well.

The Honors College is helping the University of Southern Mississippi lead the way in providing leaders well equipped to take on the ever-changing demands.



Students in the Honors College must attend Colloquium, a special class for them only. The class is rigorous, but the students accept its challenge. *Photos by Lindsey W. Unsubald*





Gretchen Raw gives her point of view during a discussion on Honors Review Day. She is an active member of the Honors College Ambassadors. *Photo by Lindsey A. Wimbush*

Assistant Dean, **Andrea Hewitt**, discusses some matters of the college with her colleague, **Claudette Landrum**. *Photo by Lindsey A. Wimbush*

Women's/Black History

By: LaTasha S. McBride

When we concentrate on the future, we are compelled to remember the past. When we remember the past, we reflect on the progress that we have made through the years.

The struggles and trials of the pioneers of development and progression are remembered every year as the faculty and students of USM take time to pay tribute to all those who have helped pave the way for so many individuals.

During Black History and Women's History months all races and genders come together to express their love and appreciation for all of those who have structured our past, continued the struggle and provided a strong foundation for the future.

The USM community brought both education and entertainment to the campus with various activities and programs that would enable students to both reflect and appreciate the struggles of so many individuals.

All areas of the campus did their part in

implementing and illuminating the contributions of both African-Americans and women in the areas of art, science, music, and literature.

The numerous activities included forums, seminars, and programs. A major event that has become a huge part of Black History month is the annual march on Kennard Washington Hall. This march gives students, staff, and the community the opportunity to unite for the continuation of progress.

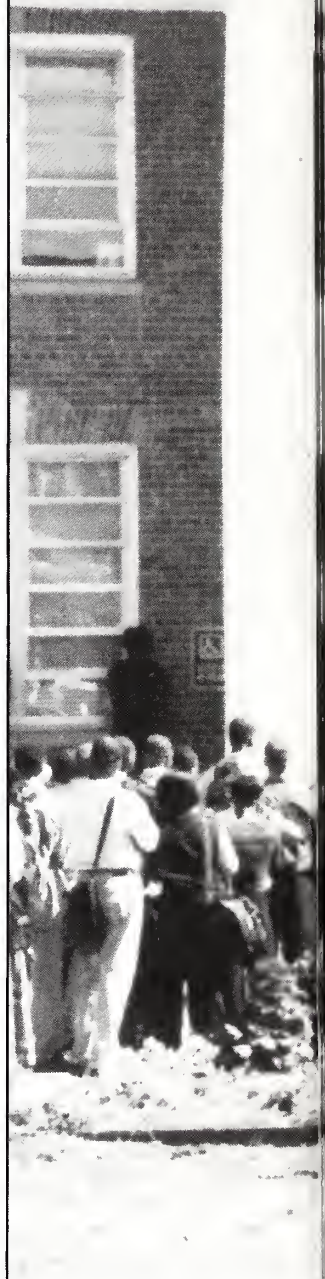
Also, USM was fortunate to have Victoria Gray Adams, a civil rights leader in Mississippi during the 1960's, here to speak about her many life changing events. USM's Services and Resources for Women sponsored numerous events that focused on the education, health, and success of women both past and present.

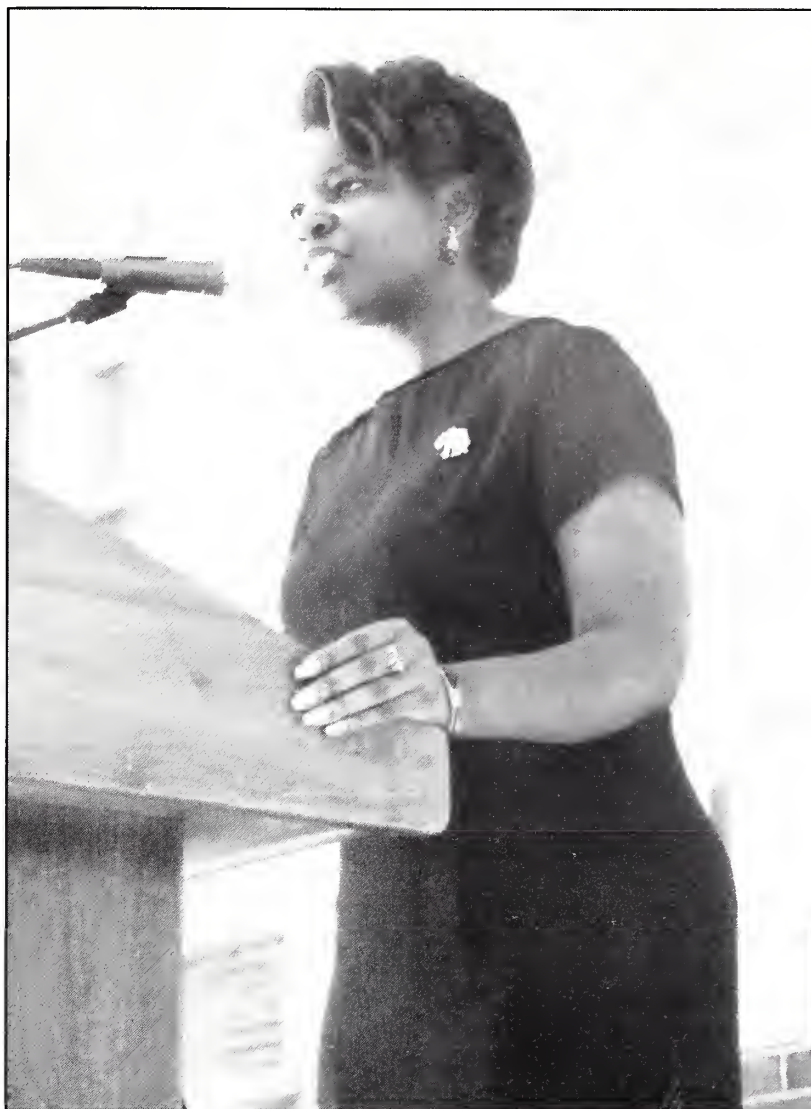
Both Black and Women's History months were welcomed and enjoyed by the university, bringing students and staff together to express gratitude for all of those who have come before and those who are continuing the progress.

The Orchestra is one of many places young women can display their talents at USM. Here **Pilar Minarro** and **Whitney Allen** intently practice their cellos. *Photo submitted*



ENNARD





Dr. Yolanda Taylor, a professor of Biology at Xavier University gives a speech to the student body present at the March on Kennard-Washington Hall. Her presentation uplifted the spirit and enlightened the crowd. *Photo by Jodylyn Tucker*

Students show respect for the Civil Rights Movement during the March on Kennard Washington Hall. This is one of many student activities, which the NAACP plans yearly for Black History Month. *Photo by Jodylyn Tucker*

Student Affairs

By: LaTasha S. McBride

The University of Southern Mississippi brings together thousands of students who not only welcome education, but also embrace it. However, for nearly 15,000 students attending this great university, this would be impossible if not for the irreplaceable foundation that this university stands upon – Student Affairs.

Though classes are of primary importance, there are numerous divisions within the university that weave together many different aspects of college life. The Office of Student Support Services aids in the classroom settings by taking part in every aspect of the classroom.

The Counseling Center is committed to providing psychological support and advice to all those in need.

Student Health Services, another department within Student Affairs, is committed to providing students with the best health care possible. Though nothing compares to a mother's care, the Student Health Services on this campus comes extremely close.

The University Police Department is

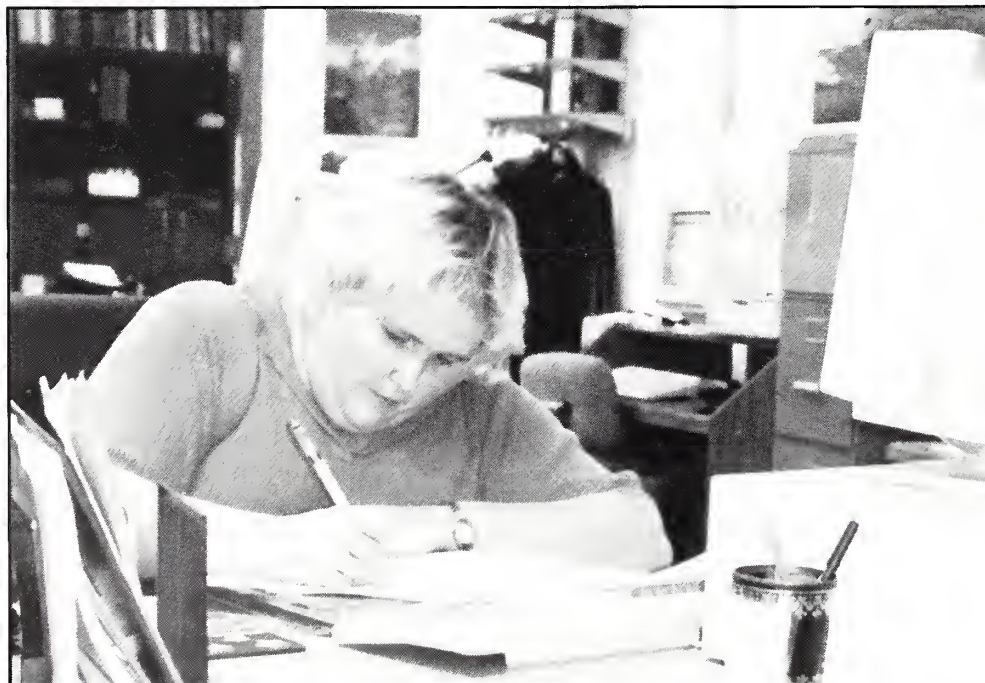
always to the rescue of students in need. This year has brought many new changes to UPD, such as the addition of the new K-9 member of their family. The University is equipped with over 20 full-time officers who are ready and willing to help. Whether it's with safety program on campus or a simple escort to your car, they always get the job done.

The Residence Life division provides many students with a place to call home. After a good night's rest, it's off to the Commons for a nice, nutritious meal. The Food Services division and Residence Life work together to keep us all healthy and happy.

As the future nears, many changes are yet to come. Numerous efforts are continuing to be made in an attempt to help students adjust and enjoy their years at USM. Whether it's a new Students Life Center or new residence halls, changes are definitely on the rise for Student Affairs as well. Though the campus is steadily changing, one thing is for sure – USM just keeps getting better.

Heather Nicholson is one of many people at the student employment office who help students find on and off-campus jobs that will fit their busy school schedules.

Photo by: Lindsey Theobald.





For those students who struggle to register for and drop classes on time, Janice Bodie, in the registrar's office is to the rescue! *Photo by: Lindsey Hecobahl*

Staff members of the Freshman Year Experience dress up to show their Eagle Pride (and their sense of humor) by participating in the annual staff Halloween costume contest. Pictured left to right are Olivia Hamil, graduate assistant; Michael Stark, graduate assistant; Kim Moistner-Bartlett, director; and Andrea Merritt, administrative assistant. *Photo by: Hudley Breckenridge*

Air Force ROTC

By: Natalie S. Everett

While the campus sleeps, and the weekends of most are filled with laundry and noon-time breakfast, the day of an Air Force ROTC cadet is almost over. Cadets gain leadership training, camaraderie and sense of community.

"The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is designed to produce leaders for the Air Force and better citizens for America," said Major Linda Mathews.

To prepare for their careers, the fifty cadets and five permanent party cadets who form the USM AFROTC do much more than the demanding physical training depicted in military movies. These men and women participate in battle scenarios and other activities designed to enhance leadership and logic problem solving skills.

During the fall semester, cadets participated in a paint ball war in Biloxi. In "Laser Mania", the cadets also experienced the difficulties that are bound to arise when one's leadership is tested.

In addition to these activities, the AFROTC joined the community in supporting several blood drives during the fall and spring semesters. The organization also sponsored a 5K charity run in the spring along with a Laser Tag tournament. The AFROTC currently sponsors a highway cleanup project for Memorial Drive in Hattiesburg. These activities encourage community involvement and support for those in need.

Another outlet for cadets to get out of the classroom and for civilians to get involved with the cadets is Angel Flight Silver Wings. This group is an organization that cadets and civilians alike can join as they work toward improving their academic experience and community involvement.

The cadets who form the Color Guard for the AFROTC work with the Army ROTC to present color for USM home sports games. The AFROTC Color Guard also holds an annual Veterans Day vigil in downtown Hattiesburg.

In all that the AFROTC cadets do, their commitment to their community, school, and country shines through.



After a semester's worth of hard work, these Air Force ROTC members perform the Grog Bowl Procedure. *Photo by Tracy Nagatsuka*





The crew salutes during one of many practices.
Photo by Captain Rich Baker

Robert Trest prepares for a field exercise by applying facial camouflage.
Photo by Captain Rich Baker

Army R. O. T. C.

By: LaTasha McBride

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at Southern Miss is a program that combines courses in military science with hands-on training for military expertise.

Many USM students have taken advantage of this program that is designed not only to create academic challenges, but those of leadership and management skills as well.

Physical training is not the only thing that military science focuses on. Since this is a program that promotes both mental and physical education, the military science curriculum consists of everything from guidance and personnel services to survival techniques. Through these classes, as well as other training that students encounter outside of the classroom, students are introduced to many situations that may involve military action both on and off the field.

Though there is a lot of work involved in the ROTC, there is plenty of room for fun.

USM's ROTC program offers students a chance to be involved in many organizations on campus. These organizations, both professional and social, serve as a way to better implement the goals of achievement and service. The ROTC organizations include Ranger Challenge Team, Rifle Team, Ranger Company and the National Society of Seaboard and Blade.

The mission of the ROTC is to commission the future officer leadership of the United States Army. Through several years of intensive training and experience, ROTC graduates are leaders, thinkers and decision makers. They are self-disciplined, self-determined and capable of taking on the leadership of the United States Army.

After completing the University of Southern Mississippi Army Reserve Officer Training Corps you are fully prepared to face any challenge or obstacle that life has to offer.

Erika Pernell proves that women can be as successful as men in what they endeavor to do. Pernell is pictured here scaling a wall in her Army uniform.



Photo by: Stephanie Cruthirds





Photo by Stephanie M. Cruthirds



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Jack Stuart and Ray Pemberton help their buddy to cross the rope bridge made earlier by other members of the team.

Spencer Wallace and Tony Dalcour prepare their team's rope bridge for later events.

HALL OF FAME

STUDENTS WHO HAVE SOARED LIKE EAGLES

Each year several students are selected from the graduating class for recognition in the Hall of Fame. The competition is fierce! Pictured below are the nine new inductees, each of whom has made a name for themselves as an outstanding student and leader. Judging is based on overall academic achievement, extracurricular participation and service to the community and the university. Congratulations to the nine newest members of the Hall Of Fame!

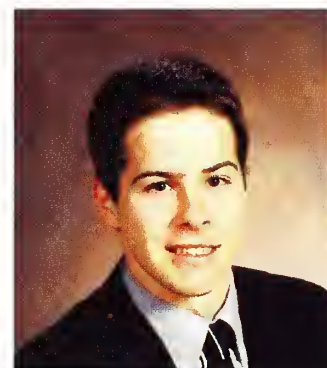
Mohammad Adel Ali

Mohammad Adel Ali was awarded seven different scholarships that he utilized while at USM. This Hattiesburg native was honored to receive a Leadership Scholarship, USM Academic Excellence Scholarship, USM Honors College Scholarship, Mississippi Eminent Scholar Award, Freshman Year Experience Scholarship, Southern Society for Coatings Technology Scholarship and the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant. Mohammad was also very active on campus. His activities included Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Lambda Sigma, VISION, University Activities Council, Student Alumni Association, Alpha-Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Society, the Honors College, Honors Student Association, College of Science and Technology Ambassador, SGA, Residence Hall Association and other campus organizations. In addition he was named The Outstanding Freshman Male ('96) and has been on the National Dean's List since his freshman year. Mohammad's goal is to become a practicing physician and to participate in biomedical research.



Jeremy Lance Brown

Jeremy Lance Brown, from Selma, Ala., wants to become a public servant at the state or federal level. This future politician has no doubt earned the vote of his peers at USM through his myriad activities and honors. The first Harry S. Truman Scholar in USM's history, Lance has also been honored with the Wilber and Polly Stout Award for Most Outstanding Senior English Major, the William H. Hatcher Book Award for Outstanding Study in Political Theory, Commendation by MS Board of Higher Education for Academic Achievement, Omicron Delta Kappa, USM Most Outstanding Greek Sophomore, Honors College Colloquium Book Award, 47th Selma/Dallas County Paul M. Grist Boy of the Year, Robert C. Bryd Congressional Scholarship, Globe Metallurgical Challenge Scholarship for Excellence Despite Adversity, Elks Club Lodge 167 "Outstanding Student" Scholarship and the USM Foundation Presidential Scholarship. With such a notable resume there isn't room to list Jeremy's diverse activities, honor societies and community service. Suffice it to say that Jeremy has certainly earned a place in the Hall of Fame.



Steven Lowry Daughtry

Steven Lowry Daughtry is one of those lucky few who has already found his calling. A Hattiesburg native, Steven, a French major, aspires to continue on to receive a master's degree in French and a Ph.D in second language acquisition. While at USM he received recognition as the '99-'00 Outstanding Student; HEADWAE, USM Academic Excellence Scholar, membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, and maintained a 4.0 grade point average. A 4.0 is no small feat for any student, but with all his activities, it's even more commendable. Steven was involved with Honors Student Association, Student Alumni Association, Freshman Associates, Residence Hall Association, USM Concert Choir, USM University Singers, USM Symphony Chorus, Habitat For Humanity and the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates. In addition, Steven spent Spring semester '99 in Paris through USM Foreign Studies and studied German in Berlin during that summer. He also served foreign students as a conversational partner. Perhaps someday, 'Dr. Daughtry' will teach here at USM!



Verdell Lamond Hawkins

Verdell Lamond Hawkins is the outgoing SGA president. While he'll no doubt be remembered for holding that coveted title, Verdell was also involved in many aspects of campus life. He was a member of President's Commission on the Future, Southern Style, Eagle Connection, several university committees, the President's Cabinet, MS Student Body President's Council, Friends of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Men of Excellence, UAC, VISION, Afro-American Student Organization, NAACP, Young Adult Ministry, and the Homecoming Court. During his years at USM he was voted Outstanding Freshman Male, Most Outstanding African-American Freshman (and Sophomore) Male, Most Outstanding Student Government Associate, Most Outstanding SGACabinet Member, Mr. Esquire and was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Lambda Sigma Honor Societies, and the President's and Dean's Lists. Hawkins, from Natchez, MS, would like to become a successful corporate attorney and well-respected politician.





Reginald M. Houze

Reginald M. Houze wants to pursue a musical theatre career performing and conducting on Broadway. He said he would also like to teach at the college level. Houze, from Hattiesburg, was very involved at USM while he pursued his degree. He was a Leadership Scholarship recipient, a '99 Presser Scholar Nominee, McNair Scholar nominee, First Mississippi Association of Educators Elmer McCoy Scholar and the first undergraduate appointed musical director/conductor of a College of the Arts Production. He has been honored for both his vocal talents and his conducting prowess. He was the featured half-time vocalist with The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band, an invited guest conductor; Vidin Philharmonic Orchestra in Bulgaria, Principal Vocalist and Concert Moderator with The Wind Ensemble, and was selected to study at the Conductor's Institute in Connecticut. His activities included Band Council, USM Symphony Chorus, Student Alumni Association, Afro-American Student Association, Southern Choral, Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera productions, American Choral Directors Association and many more.



Rebecca Thornhill Lee

Rebecca Thornhill Lee holds the USM track records for three different events; the 800 meter, 1,500 meter and 3,000 meter. This Hattiesburg native plans to pursue a master's degree in physical therapy. While dedicating time to her sport, Rebecca also managed to devote time to her studies; she has received only one 'B' (and therefore just one mention on *only* the Dean's List) in her academic career. She was honored as USM's Outstanding Freshman Woman, twice as a Conference USA Scholar/Athlete, Sports Illustrated Female Athlete of the Year, with a Varsity Letter in Cross Country Running and Track, and repeatedly by inclusion on the President's List. Rebecca also was involved with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Student Union, Student Alumni Association, and a slew of honor societies like Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma. She also served the community as a mentor for children with disabilities through Americorps and was an active member and youth team leader at Temple Baptist Church.



Contina Lovette Quinn

Homecoming Queen '99-'00, Contina Lovette Quinn, plans to be a public relations practitioner. Originally from West Point, Contina has excelled at USM and made a mark as an outstanding student and student leader. Her activities include involvement with The Student Printz (where she's worked her way up from reporter to editor), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Public Relations Society of America, NAACP, Resident Assistant, RHA, Student Government Association, Afro-American Student Organization, Society of Professional Journalists, The Southerner and the Student Alumni Association. In addition, she has been honored by membership in Southern Style, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta and Lambda Sigma. A Leadership Scholarship Recipient, Contina was also Outstanding Freshman Female, National Residence Hall Honorary, and as we mentioned, Homecoming Queen. Contina has also been a dedicated volunteer for local charities like The Pinehaven Activity Center, Aldersgate Mission, Watkins Junior High Boys and Girls Club, and also served as an intern for the Hattiesburg Area Development Partnership.



Brittany Elizabeth Reid

Brittany Elizabeth Reid came to USM from Columbia, and plans to attend law school after graduation. Brittany lists among her honors received; Golden Key Honor Society (President), USM British Studies participant, General Honors Program graduate, USM Senior Honors Program, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Lambda Sigma (Treasurer), Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta (Historian), USM Academic Scholarship, USM Leadership Scholarship, Honors College Scholarship, Honors College Travel Award, Jim Upton Memorial Scholarship, President's List and Dean's List. In addition she was a member of Southern Style, SGA (member all four years), Chi Omega Sorority, Panhellenic and Junior Greek Council. She also was the co-founder of a peer education group called GAMMA: Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol and served as a Rush Counselor. Brittany served the community through HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) at Woodley Elementary School, a volunteer with United Way and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, The Red Cross and the Salvation Army.



Amanda Nicole Walker

Clinton native Amanda Nicole Walker has made the most of her time at USM. While working towards her degree, and her goal of becoming a clinical speech pathologist, she has been active in many honor societies, clubs and activities. She was honored as '99 Student Body Homecoming Maid, '97 Sophomore Homecoming Maid, USM Leadership Scholar, Southern Style member, Eagle Connection member, TriDelt's '96-'97 Model Pledge and TriDelt's '97-'98 Model Active. In addition she was on the President's List and Dean's List and a member of the following honor societies: Alpha Lambda Delta, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Order of Omega. Amanda also dedicated herself to her sorority, Delta Delta Delta, SGA, Diamond Darlings, Student Alumni Association, Student Speech and Hearing Association, Campus Crusade for Christ, Baptist Student Union, and volunteering within a preschool speech and hearing program.

WHO'S WHO

AMONG AMERICAN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Mohammad Adel Ali

Mohammad Ali, a polymer science major, is the son of Dr. Adel and Mrs. Ebtessam Ali. Mohammad's activities include involvement with Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Honors College Ambassador, SGA, and College of Science and Technology Ambassador. Honors include the USM Leadership Scholarship, USM Academic Excellence Scholarship, USM Honors College Scholarship, Mississippi Eminent Scholar, and others.

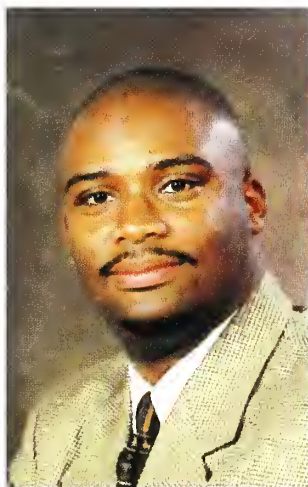


Royal Deshaun Bell

Royal Bell, a computer science major, is the son of Ms. Jaquelyn Bell. Bell's activities include involvement with Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation, Golden Key Honor Society, Varsity Football and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Honors include Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar First Team, National Dean's List, C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, College Scholar and others.

Nathaniel Anderson, Jr.

Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., a management information systems major, is the son of Ms. Phyllis Anthony. Anderson's activities include involvement with SGA, Residence Hall Association, Student Alumni Association, NAACP and Southern Style. Honors include Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and the President's Council on Diversity and others.



Jeremy Lance Brown

Lance Brown, an English and political science major, is the son of Doug and Katie Brown. Lance's activities include Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Honors Student Association, Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, PEP, Sexual Assault Crisis Center Volunteer and PACERS. Honors include Wilbur and Polly Stout Award, 1999 Harry S. Truman Scholar, William H. Hatcher Book Award for Studying Political Theory, and others.

Jill Anne Becnel

Jill Anne Becnel, a hospitality management major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Becnel. Her activities include involvement with Angel-Flight Silver Wings, Student Association (and Mississippi Association) of Family and Consumer Sciences, Eta Sigma Delta, Residence Hall Association, and Professional Convention Management Association. Honors include Dean's List, President's List and American Business Woman's Scholarship.



Leslie Nicole Case

"Nicki" Case, a speech communication major, is the daughter of Ms. Beverly Case. Her activities include involvement with Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Order of Omega, Southern Style, Kappa Delta Sorority, SGA, and the Speech Communication Association. Honors include Civitan Club Scholarship, Gulfport's Miss Hospitality 1998, Vicki French Memorial Award and others.

Kassie Coleman

Kassie Coleman, a journalism/public relations major, is the daughter of Jerry and Kathy Coleman. Her activities include involvement with PRSA, PACERS, The Student Printz, Peers Educating Peers, and volunteer work with DREAM and the American Red Cross. Honors include Kappa Tau Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, Leadership Scholar, Golden Key National Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi and others.



Megan Elizabeth Coney

Megan Coney, a speech pathology major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coney. Coney's activities include involvement with Delta Gamma Sorority, Eagle Excellence, Southern Style, SGA, Student Alumni Association, Greek Seekers, and Student Speech and Hearing Association. Honors include Award of Excellence Scholarship, Golden Key National Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi, Order of Omega and others.



Steven Lowry Daughtry

Steven Daughtry, a French major, is the son of Larry Joe and Suzanne H. Daughtry. Daughtry's activities include involvement with the Honors Student Association, USM Concert Choir, USM University Singers, USM Symphony Chorus, Residence Hall Association, and the Student Alumni Association. Honors include 1999-2000 Outstanding Student Award, Academic Excellence Scholar, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and others.



Adrienne Marie Davis

Adrienne Davis, a math major, is the daughter of Richard Davis and Sharon Davis. Her activities include involvement with Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Student Alumni Association, Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Alpha. Honors include Golden Key National Honor Society, College of Science and Technology Scholar Award, President's List, Dean's List, Wright W. Cross Endowment Scholarship and others.



Charles Joseph Elfer

Charles Elfer, an anthropology major, is the son of John T. and Alice S. Elfer. His activities include involvement with Anthropology Society, Student Greens, Vision, Habitat For Humanity, Cycling Club, and volunteer work at Hattiesburg Convalescence Center. Honors include Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient, Golden Key Scholarship Recipient, Gamma Beta Phi, Lambda Sigma, Lambda Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta, President's List and others.



Amy Jo Armstrong Formby

Amy Jo, an English education major, is the wife of Mr. Ned Formby, Jr. Her activities include involvement with Gamma Beta Phi, Honors College, and mentoring at the Career Planning and Placement Center. Honors include Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, McNair Scholar Program, Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Scholarship, William Winter Scholarship, Golden Key Senior Scholar Award, Gamma Beta Phi Service Award and others.



Paul Marshall Gottlieb

Paul Gottlieb, a finance major, is the son of Dr. Michael Gottlieb and Mrs. Naomi Krysk. His activities include involvement with Kappa Alpha Order, Infraternity Council, Southern Style and University Activities Council. Honors include Presenter at The Academy of Economics and Finance, Lambda Sigma, Order of Omega, Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Eta Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Presidents List, National Dean's List and others.

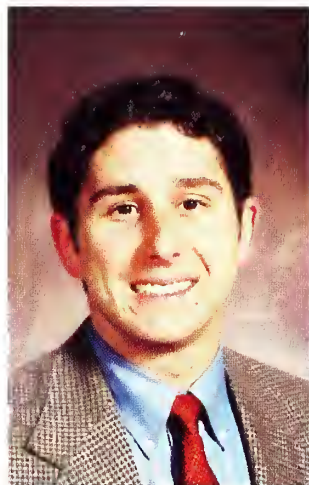
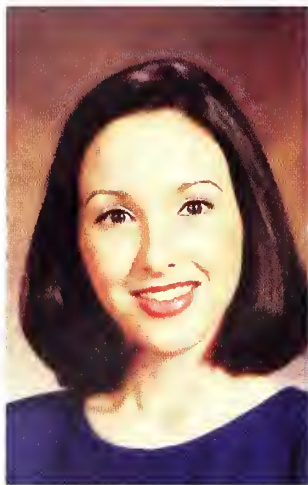


Brent William Greenwald

Brent Greenwald, an economics/international business major, is the son of Kathleen I. Griswald. His activities include involvement with Sigma Alpha Epsilon (VP), SGA, Intra-Fraternity Council, Student Alumni Association, University Activities Council and Greek Seekers. Honors include Mr. USM, Southern Style, Lambda Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha and others.

Jane Graves Griffin

Jane Griffin, a management major, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Griffin III. Her activities include involvement with Chi Omega, SGA, Miss Southern Pageant Committee, American Marketing Association, and the Society for the Advancement of Marketing. Honors include Leadership Scholar, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Golden Key, Order of Omega, Sigma Iota Epsilon Management Honor Society and others.



Meinrad Franklin Lang, III

Meinrad Lang, a speech communication major, is the son of Meinard F. Lang, Jr. Activities include involvement with Freshman Associates, Roberts Hall Council, founding member of Pi Kappa Phi, SGA (VP '98-'99), Student and Faculty Committee on New Organizations, and Delta Gamma Anchor Man. Honors include Leadership Scholar, delegate to COSCA (for student government), Lambda Sigma and others.

Verdell Lamond Hawkins

Verdell Hawkins, a political science major, is the son of Mrs. Betty Sevell and Mr. Alvin Hawkins. His activities include participation in SGA (President '99-'00), Men of Excellence, University Activities Council, Afro-American Student Organization, and Young Adult Ministry. Honors include Alpha Lambda Delta, President's and Dean's Lists, Mr. Esquire, Mr. USM, Southern Style, Eagle Connection, inclusion in President Fleming's Cabinet, and others.



Rebecca Thornell Lee

Rebecca Lee, a human performance major, is the daughter of Chris Lee. Her activities include involvement with USM Track and Cross Country Varsity Team, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Baptist Student Union, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Honors include several USM track records, President's List, Conference USA Scholar/Athlete Award, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Phi Eta Sigma and others.

Reginald M. Houze

Reginald Houze, a music major, is the son of Janice Houze and grandson of Mrs. Corinne Hall. His activities include involvement with International Conductor's Guild, USM American Choral Directors, Hattiesburg Civic Chorus, MS Music Teachers Association, The Southern Chorale, SPEED, Band Council, and University Bands. Honors include Leadership Scholar, MS Association of Educators Scholar, McNair Scholars nominee, selected to study at the Conductor's Institute and others.



Emily Olivia Lifsey

Emily Lifsey, a biology major, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Lifsey. Her activities include involvement with Kappa Delta, Honors College, volunteering with the All Animals Clinic in Hattiesburg, Ambassador for the college of Science and Technology. Honors include Alpha Lambda Delta, Golden Key, Presidential Scholar, Dean's List, President's List, Omicron Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Southern Style, and others.

Melinda Ann King

Melinda King, an elementary education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ennis King. Her activities include involvement with Phi Mu, American Business Women's Association, Golden Girls, Student Alumni Association, Diamond Darlings, and Dixie Darlings. Honors include Miss USM '97, Miss Hattiesburg '98, Miss Mississippi '98, President's and Dean's Lists, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Beta Phi, Lambda Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi and others.



Tracey Arnetta Lott

Tracey Lott, a business administration major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lott. Her activities include involvement with the Afro-American Student Organization, Delta Sigma Theta, SGA, VISION, the Student Union Advisory Board, and volunteering with Americorps and the United Way. Honors include Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Southern Style and others.

Shane Patrick McCarthy

Shane McCarthy, an accounting major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles McCarthy. His activities include involvement with Phi Kappa Tau, Beta Alpha Psi, Eagle Connection, and Greek Seekers. Honors include Phi Kappa Tau National Fraternity Leadership Scholarship, Alfred and Doris Breeland Accounting Scholarship, Most Outstanding Greek Fraternity President, Dean's and President's Lists, and others.



Angela Diane McDaniel

Angela McDaniel, a speech communication major, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Kay McDaniel. Her activities include involvement with Speech Communication Association, Eagle Connection, Pi Beta Phi, SGA, Campus Crusade for Christ and VISION. Honors include Templeton Fellow, Lambda Pi Eta, Order of Omega, Southern Style, Golden Key, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Honors College Scholarship recipient and others.



Ashley Suzanne Mercer

Ashley Mercer, a choral music education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. "Sonny" Mercer. Her activities include Kappa Delta, Eagle Connection, SGA, Southern Corale, Symphony Chorus, Baptist Students Union and the Student Alumni Association. Honors include Order of Omega, Lambda Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, President's List, Dean's List Southern Style and others.



Jaqueline Barksdale Moak

Jaqueline Moak, an accounting major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Moak. Her activities include involvement with Kappa Delta, Panhellenic, SGA, Diamond Darlings, and Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Fraternity. Honors include Greek Life Awards, Alfred and Doris Breeland Business Scholarship, Amoco Scholar, Jarvis Maxie Award in Accounting, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha and others.



Melissa Brett Moore

Melissa Moore, a sports medicine major, is the daughter of Victoria Moore. Activities include involvement with Kappa Delta, USM Swim Club, USM Concert Choir, Hall Director, Supplemental Instructor for anatomy and physiology and chemistry, USM College Bowl and SGA. Honors include National Residence Hall Honorary, Leadership Scholarship, President's List, Phi Kappa Phi, Order of Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta and others.



Ashley Denise Padilla

Ashley Padilla, an elementary education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Padilla. Her activities include involvement with SGA, University Spirit Committee, Eagle Excellence, MS Association of Educators and National Association of Educators. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship, Lambda Sigma (member and advisor), President's and Dean's Lists, COSGA Delegate and others.



Rebecca Slack Prewitt

Rebecca Prewitt is the daughter of Roy and Sandra Prewitt. Her activities include Southern Style, Diamond Darlings, SGA, Union Advisory Board, Student Alumni Association, Delata Gamma, USM Sexual Assault Task Force and Greek Seekers. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Dean's List, Lambda Sigma, Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa and others.



Contina Lovette Quinn

Contina Quinn, a journalism major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lee Quinn. Her activities include Southern Style, Student Printz News Editor, Alpha Kappa Alpha, PRSSA, NAACP, Eagle Connection, VISION and SGA. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, Omicron Delta Kappa, President's and Dean's Lists, Alpha Lambda Delta and others.



Brittany Elizabeth Reid

Brittany Reid, an English major, is the daughter of Mr. John Reid. Her activities include Southern Style, SGA, Chi Omega, GAMMA, Panhellenic, and Junior Greek Council. Honors include Golden Key (President), USM Senior Honors Program, Academic, Leadership and Honors College Scholarships, Jim Upton Memorial Scholarship, Dean's Lists, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Lambda Sigma and others.

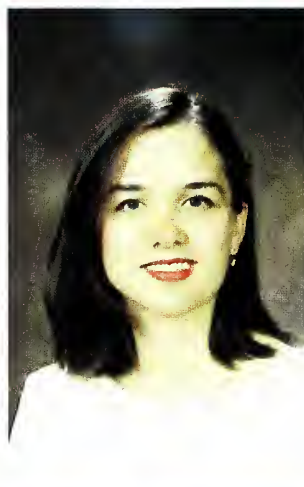


Amanda Nicole Walker

Amanda Walker, a speech pathology major, is the daughter of Gary and Sandra Walker. Her activities include Delta Delta Delta, SGA, Diamond Darlings, Southern Style, Eagle Connection, Student Alumni Association, and Student Speech and Hearing Association. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, President's and Dean's Lists, National Dean's List, Alpha Lambda Delta, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Gamma Sigma Alpha and others.

Barat Ann Schexnaildre

Barat Schexnaildre, a speech communication major, is the daughter of Mr. Drew Schexnaildre and Ms. Carmen Schexnaildre. Her activities include SGA, Eagle Connection, University Spirit Committee, Junior Greek Council, the Speech Communication Association, Pi Beta Phi, Campus Crusade for Christ and Greek Seekers. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, President's List, Dean's List, Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha and others.



Mary Elisabeth Wood

Mary Wood, a music performance major, is the daughter of David and Marilyn Wood. Her activities include USM Latter-day Saint Student Association, USM Symphony Orchestra, USM Wind Ensemble, Southern Chamber Winds, USM Horn Choir, Lambda Delta Sigma, and Southern Horn Quartet. Honors include Presser Scholar Nominee, USM Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition winner, President's List and others.

Stephanie Lynn Temple

Stephanie Temple, a speech communication major, is the daughter of Fred J. Temple and Donna C. Temple. Her activities include Eagle Connection, Greek Seekers, College Republicans, Southern Style, SGA, USM Symphony Chorus, volunteering to raise money for Camp Blue Bird and Southern MS Children's Home and Chi Omega. Honors include Dean's List, Leadership Scholarship, chosen to be a recruiter for USM-Southern Region, and others.



Ricardo Woods

Ricardo Woods, a political science major, is the son of Freddie Woods. His activities include University Activities Council (President), Alpha Phi Alpha (President), African American Student Organization, VISION, NAACP, SGA and Resident Assistant. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, Goodwin Scholarship, Lambda Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Omicron Delta Kappa, University Activities Council Member of the Year and others.

Jessica Suzanne Thomas

Jessica Thomas, a biological sciences major, is the daughter of Kenneth and Jenny Thomas. Her activities include Peers Educating Peers, Eagle Excellence, and Residence Life. Honors include Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Beta Beta, Alpha Epsilon Delta and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies, President's and Dean's Lists, National Dean's List, College of Science and Technology Scholar, member of the Honors College, Academic Scholarship and others.



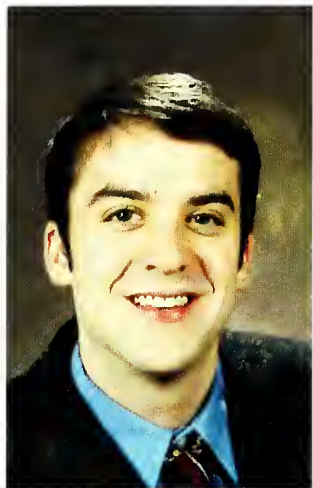
Tony T. Yarber

Tony Yarber, an elementary education major, is the son of George L. Yarber. His activities include Afro-American Student Organization, NAACP, SGA, Alpha Phi Alpha, Men of Excellence, Union Activities Council, National Panhellenic Council and Campus Crusade for Christ. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, AASO Member of the Year, Dean's List, Resident Assistant of the Month, Lambda Sigma Honor Society and others.

PHI KAPPA PHI

SILVER BOWL WINNER 2000

The Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl Award is the highest scholastic honor a student can receive at USM. Those eligible for this honor are all senior members of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and each have a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.



Steven Daughtry

"I hope to go on to receive my master's in French and a Ph.D. in second language acquisition, and teach at the university level," said Steven Daughtry. When someone with Steven's work ethic sets a goal, achievement is the probable outcome. In fact, "achievement" is a good one-word summary of Steven's USM career. He was active in Honors Student Association (President '98), Student Alumni Association, Freshman Associates, Residence Hall Association, USM Concert Choir, USM University Singers, USM Symphony Chorus, and American Chemical Society Student Affiliates. Steven was honored as the '99-'00 Outstanding Student by HEADWAE and awarded a USM Academic Excellence Scholarship. Honor societies included Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta and Gamma Beta Phi. Steven also took advantage of two chances to study abroad. He spent Spring Semester '99 in Paris, France and then studied German in Berlin during July and August '99. Steven volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and through the English Language Institute, and, through it all, maintained a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations to Hattiesburg native and Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl Winner, Steven Daughtry!

BEST CITIZENS

STUDENT LEADERS: IN SERVICE & SCHOLARSHIP

Each year two students, an outstanding young man and young woman, are selected from the graduating classes 'Best Citizens.' These student leaders have personified the ideal of excellence not only in their studies but also by their service to others.



Jane Graves Griffin

Jane Griffin has done what most people consider impossible. She has maintained a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while participating in myriad on-campus activities. This management major from Hattiesburg has been heavily involved in Chi Omega Sorority: as Bid Day Chair '97, Pledge Educator '98 and President '99. She was also an active member of the SGA, the American Marketing Association, Society for the Advancement of Management and Greek Seekers. She also held positions within Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Society (President '99) and Sigma Iota Epsilon (Vice President '99). Jane was a member of the following honor societies: Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Golden Key, Order of Omega, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Sigma Iota Epsilon Management Honorary Society. In addition, Jane was honored by several scholarships. In 1996 she became a Leadership Scholarship recipient. In 1998 she was awarded the Richard H. Clark, Jr. Scholarship and in 1999 she won the Lowery Woodall Scholarship, both from the College of Business. Jane said that she would like to pursue a career as a professor at the university level. Congratulations to Best Citizen of the Year, Jane Griffin!



Tony T. Yarber

Tony Yarber wants to become an educator of elementary and middle school children. This Jackson native is well on his way with a resume that includes a little bit of everything. Tony has been active in the Afro-American Student Organization, the NAACP, Residence Hall Association, SGA, University Activities Council, Men of Excellence, Campus Crusade for Christ, National Panhellenic Council and SPEED. Not that Tony spent ALL his time in academic pursuits- he was also leader in his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Over the years he served his brothers as Philanthropy Chair, Delegate and Programming Chair. Tony was also selected to receive the Leadership Scholarship. In addition he was named AASO Student of the Year, Resident Assistant of the Month, and was a member of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society. What makes Tony stand out even more, is his commitment to community service. He contributed to the university as a member of the USM Black Symposium and as a member of the Search Committee for Assistant Recreational Sports Director. He contributed to the community by volunteering as a Hub-City mentor and a tutor at Hawkins Middle School. Congratulations to Best Citizen of the Year, Tony Yarber.

Ever since we were children we have heard in our imaginations the roar of a crowd cheering us on. We have seen ourselves making the basket at the buzzer, or kicking the tie-breaking field goal. As children we were all athletes, masters of the neighborhood games of kickball and freeze-tag. These days we can't all be collegiate athletes, but we recognize a little bit of ourselves in everyone who is. As we cheer for our Golden Eagles we feel a part of something larger. We can claim each victory as our own.



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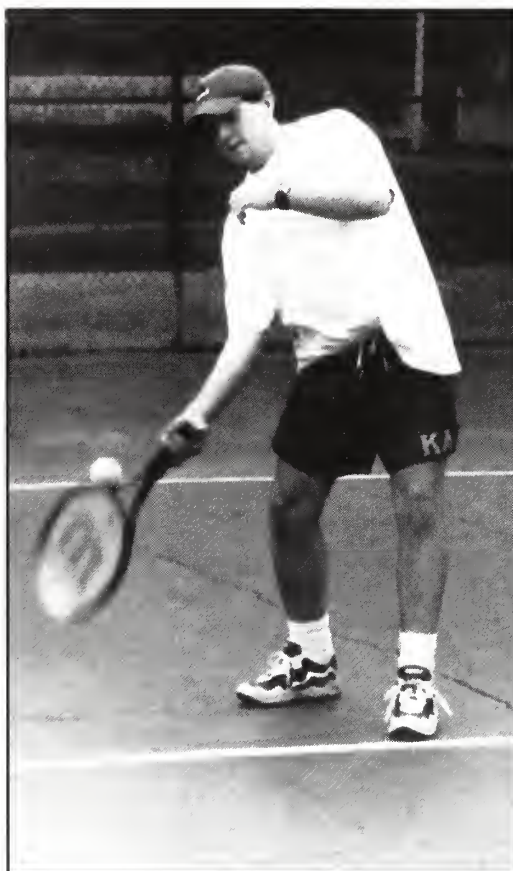


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SPORTS

Just for the Fun of it!

Film major **Sam Marsal** demonstrates his athletic prowess on the tennis courts.



Graduate student **Kristin Gregory** enjoys swimming at the Payne Center for exercise and recreation.





Nathan Grace puts in a little extra work at the Payne Center. Grace plays football for Southern Miss while working towards a degree in history.

"Life is good," said **Todd Whitehead**. Whitehead, a doctoral candidate in exercise science, is a former professional cyclist who still takes time out for his much-loved hobby.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, sports and fitness go hand in hand. The division of Recreational Sports in the Payne Center offers students the opportunity to satisfy their physical appetites with a wide variety of programs.

"We offer everybody a little of everything," said Brian Fortenberry, a junior accounting and MIS student who works at the Payne Center.

"Besides the regular aerobics classes, weight lifting and swimming, we have sponsored the Outdoor Adventure program," Fortenberry said.

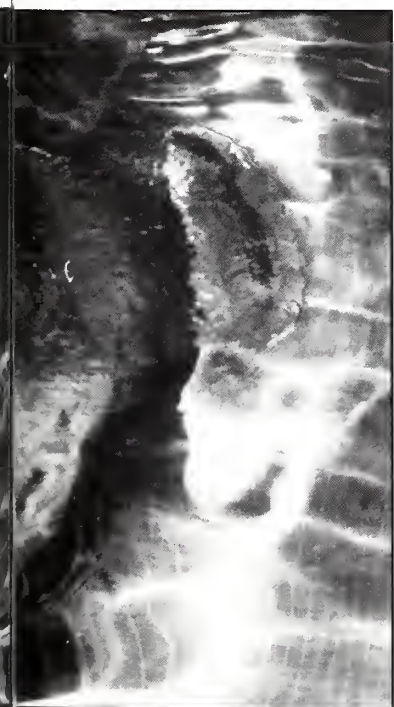
This program allows students to enjoy the great outdoors, with camping trips to Little Black Creek, as well as canoeing workshops.

For those students who just want to pump a little iron, the Payne Center aims to please.

"The 'No Payne, No Gain Program' offers prizes for people who reach certain levels of attendance and fitness," said Kelly Shipp, a junior recreational sports major who works in the Work Out Zone.

And if you are not quite sure how to go about a complete workout — have no fear. The Payne Center offers Personal Fitness Instructors who help participants find the best workout program and teach them how to use the equipment.

"The staff at the Payne Center is the best on campus," said Leaf O'Neal, a senior English major who lifts weights at the Payne Center frequently.



Just Playing the Field

By LaTasha McBride and Kela Spights

Intramural and club sports bring together students from organizations such as fraternities, sororities, residence halls and clubs who wish to feel the thrill of competition.

The Recreational Sports department strives to be diverse, offering each students the opportunity to participate, regardless of ability.

In trying to accomplish this, intramural programs are offered during the spring and fall semesters in volleyball, flag football, floor hockey, basketball, soccer, and softball.

The Intramural Sports Program is designed to match equally skilled organizations in the various activities offered by the program.

Over 800 students take part in the 10 exciting sport clubs offered by Recreational Sports. The clubs, which

include disc, martial arts, badminton, Shotokan karate, men's soccer, swimming, men's rugby, volleyball, cycling and sports officials, are a great way to meet new and exciting people who share an athletic and competitive spirit.

For many, sport participation is a driving force in the ideal college experience. Sport clubs and intramurals are convenient ways to allow students to satisfy their need for competition without the pressure of success.

The popularity of the numerous intramural programs and sport clubs has made itself evident throughout our campus for many years. The popularity comes not from the enjoyment of participating, but also from the hundreds of students that watch and take part in the numerous special events that are held throughout the year.

Intramurals and Sports Clubs offer students many diverse sporting activities with competition

Intramurals Flag Football

Don Green dashes for the sideline in a flag football game to gain yardage for KA as he is chased down by an Σ AE.



Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher

Intramurals Flag Football

Jared Quijas looks for an open receiver. Quijas is a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, one of many groups involved in intramural sports.





Photo by Hadley Breckenridge

Sports Clubs

Ultimate Frisbee

Wade Bouchard throws the frisbee, as an opponent from another school watches. Ultimate frisbee is a lot like football.

Sports Clubs

Ultimate Frisbee

Collin Berger fights his opponent for the frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee is a noncontact sport played by two seven-member teams. Though Ultimate Frisbee is considered a sport club, fraternities play on an intramural level.



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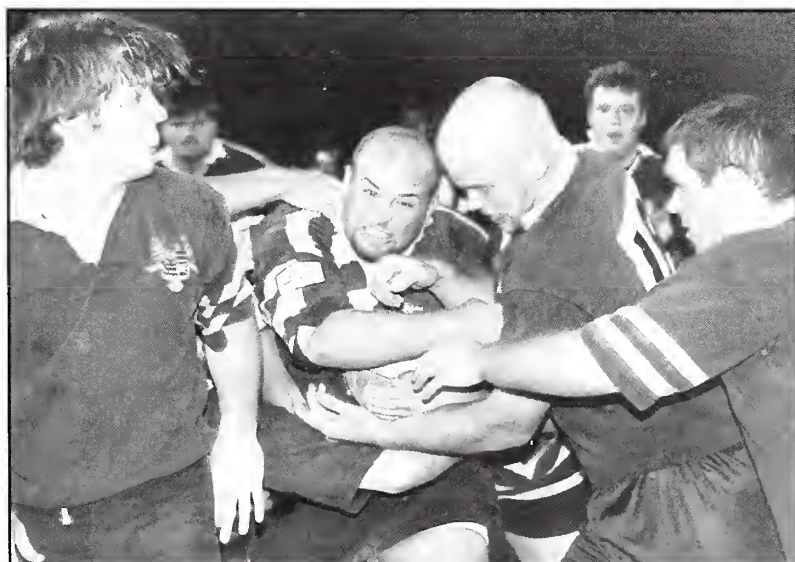


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Sports Club

Rugby

In a maul, **Steve Clark** tries to keep ball possession as opponents, **Dave Smith**, **John Prystupa**, and **David Guidroz** try to strip the ball.

Sports Club

Rugby

As USM "Pack Players" ruck over, the running backs eagerly wait for the ball to be released to them.

All In A Year's Work

Defensive Back, #9 **Chad Williams**, helps his teammate stop the opposing Cincinnati runner. Williams attended Wenohah High School in Birmingham, Ala.



Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher

Wide Receiver, #81 **Dannye Fowler**, in home game action. In Fowler's freshman year he saw action in all 11 games as a reserve receiver and special teams performer.



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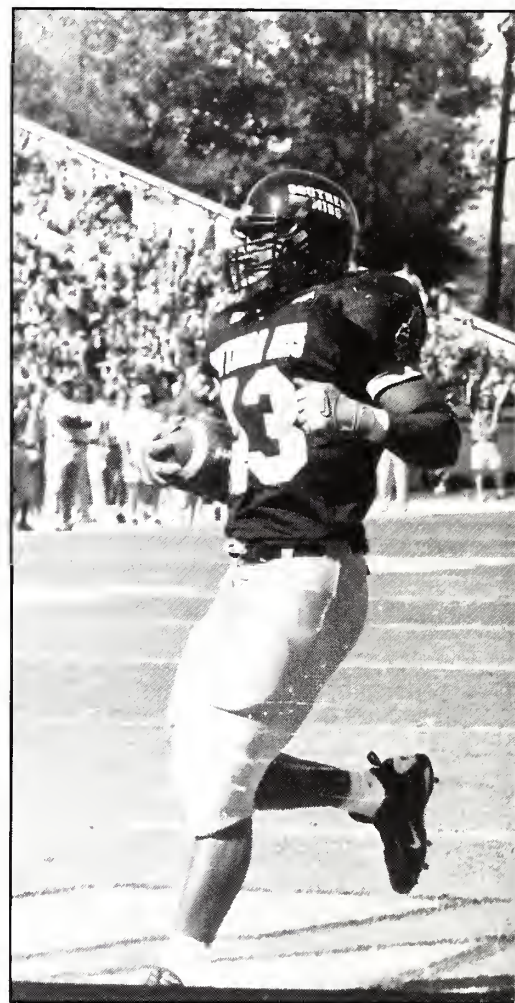


Photo by Lindsey Theobald

Offensive lineman, #55 **Billy Clay**, is on the lookout for any defender trying to get to **Jeff Kelly**. Clay is majoring in industrial engineering technology.



Photo by Amy Photography

ARE IN...

RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
09/06	Tulane*	W	48-14
09/11	Northwestern	W	40-06
09/18	at Nebraska	L	13-20
09/25	at Texas A&M	L	06-23
10/09	at East Carolina*	W	39-22
10/16	Army*	W	24-00
10/23	Cincinnati*	W	28-20
10/30	at Alabama	L	14-35
11/06	at Memphis*	W	20-05
11/13	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	48-00
11/20	at Louisville*	W	30-27
12/31	vs Colorado State **	W	23-17

* Denotes Conference Games

** Denotes Liberty Bowl Game

Running Back, #43 **Derrick Nix** hits paydirt for another Eagle 6. Derrick is the brother of current Southern Miss Assistant Coach, **Tyrone Nix**.

The Golden Eagles began and ended their season just the way they wanted to – with clutch victories. The Eagles began their season on “9-6-99” with a win over conference rival Tulane with a score of 48-14.

The first game marked the beginning of Jeff Kelly’s career at the starting quarterback position. Kelly responded by throwing four touchdown passes.

After another home victory against Northwestern Louisiana State, the Eagles faced the Nebraska Cornhuskers who were the sixth ranked team in the nation. Although the Eagles did not come away with a victory, they gained respect from football fans around the country as a force to be reckoned with by playing hard and making the Cornhuskers fight for their win.

The schedule didn’t get much easier as the Eagles traveled to College Station, Texas, where they lost to the Texas Aggies, 23-6.

While other teams may have spent their time sulking and licking their wounds, the Eagles used the back-to-back losses as motivation.

With a 2-2 record, the Eagles went on to win seven of their next eight games. Only the Alabama Crimson Tide would get in their way.

The Eagles finished the season with a victory over the Louisville Cardinals to achieve a perfect 6-0 record in Conference USA play.

As a result of their conference supremacy, the Eagles were rewarded with a berth in the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. They took full advantage of this by defeating the Colorado State Rams 23-17 and becoming the 13th ranked team in the nation.

The season was a success. Another conference championship in the books, another Liberty Bowl bell in the trophy case, highest average home game attendance ever, highest final ranking ever, the list goes on and on. All in a year’s work.

By Philip Geiger

Quarterback, #17 **Jeff Kelly** and Center, #67 **Zeb Landers** prepare for another Eagle Strike.

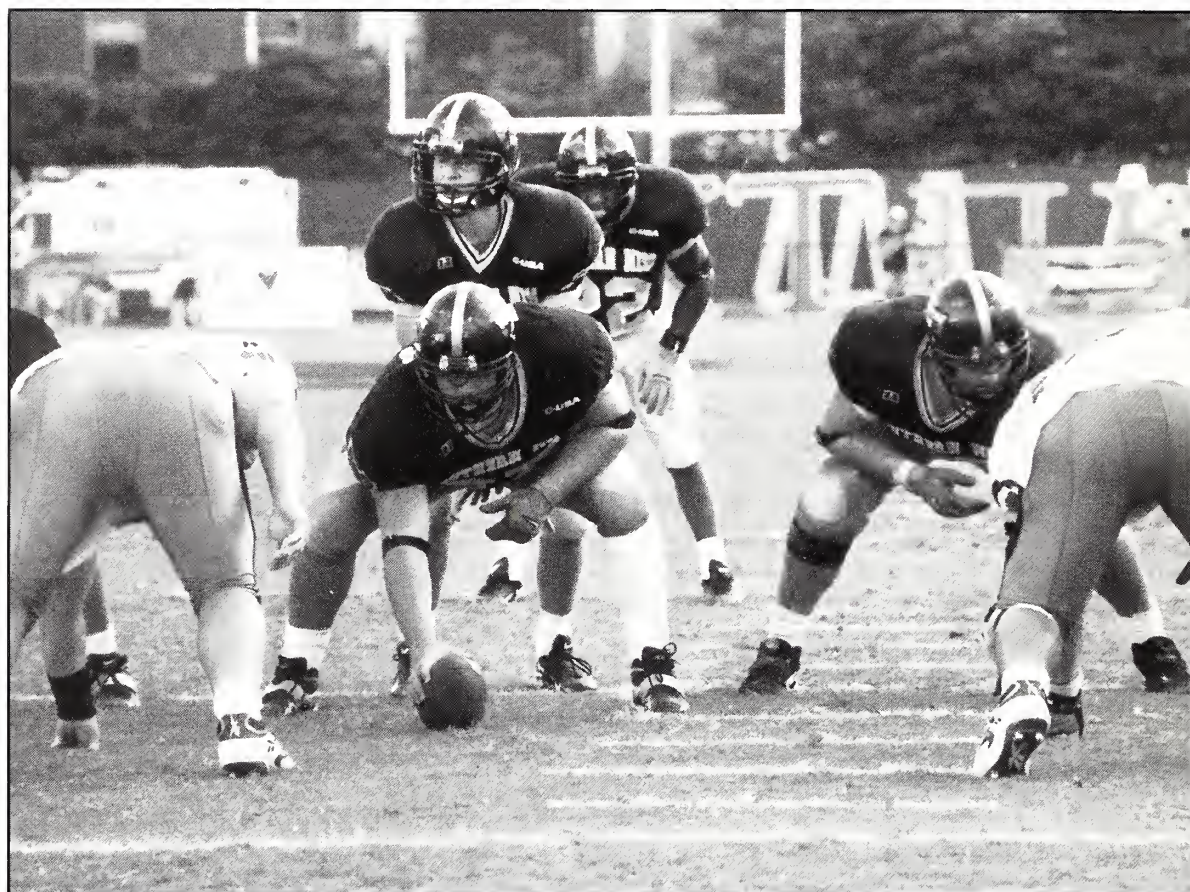


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Another successful season ends with a 23 - 17 score at the Liberty Bowl against Colorado State Rams.

Eagle defenders swarm on the Tulane running back. Defenders included #19, **Raymond Walls**; #25, **Roy Magee**; and #9, **Chad Williams**.

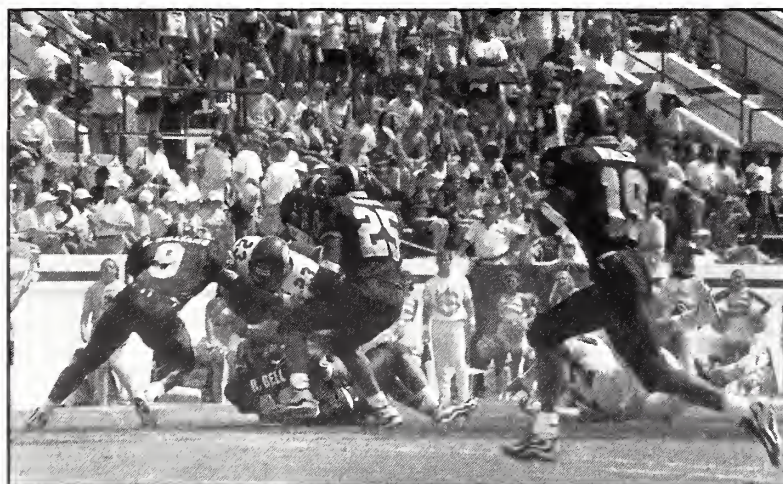
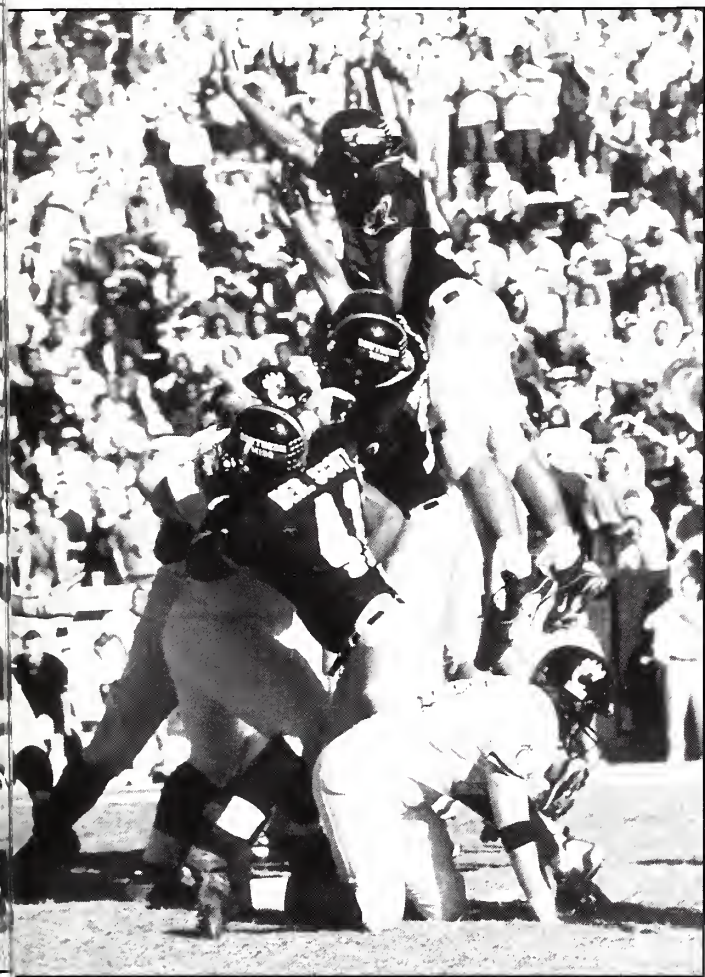


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82 **Leroy Handy** strides for another Eagle touchdown.

Photo By Michael Russell





#97, Adalius Thomas soars to block yet another opponent's field goal. Thomas is the son of Adonis and Eva Thomas.

Eagle defender cuts an unfortunate Cajun for a flip.

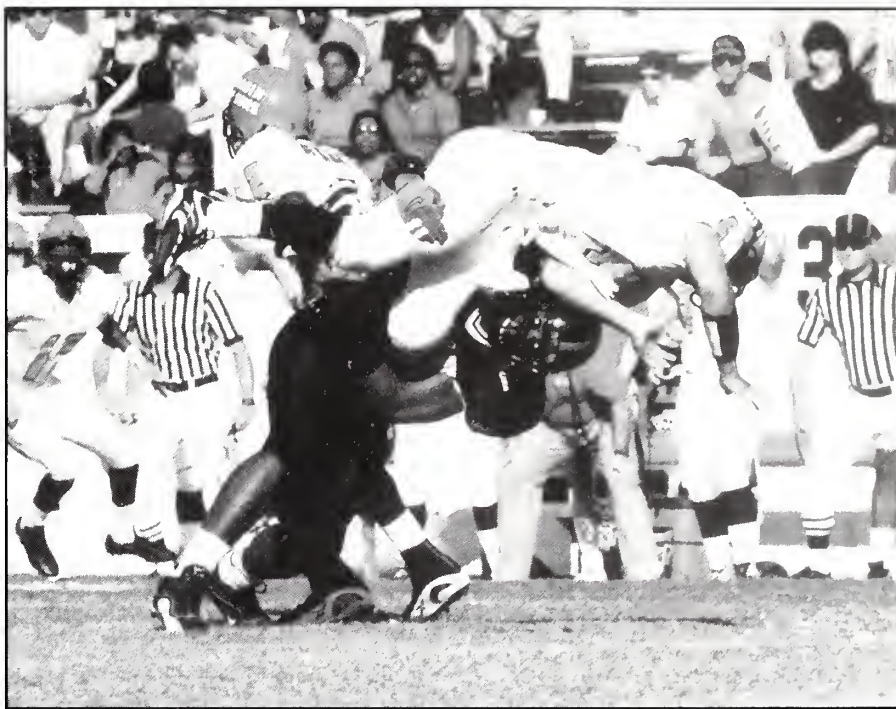


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Photo by Bradley H. Williams, Jr.

#43 Derrick Nix uses his stiff arm to gain some extra yards.

#34 T.J. Slaughter takes the defender down by any means necessary. Slaughter is a business administration major.

Making a Big Impression

#15 **Chrystal Stevens** throughs the ball to second just in time to get her opponent out. Stevens is a sophomore from Las Vegas, Nevada.



Photo by Stephanie M. Cruthers

#11 **Dalenah Tanner** shows off for the fans with her base hit. Tanner is a junior from Lucedale, Mississippi.



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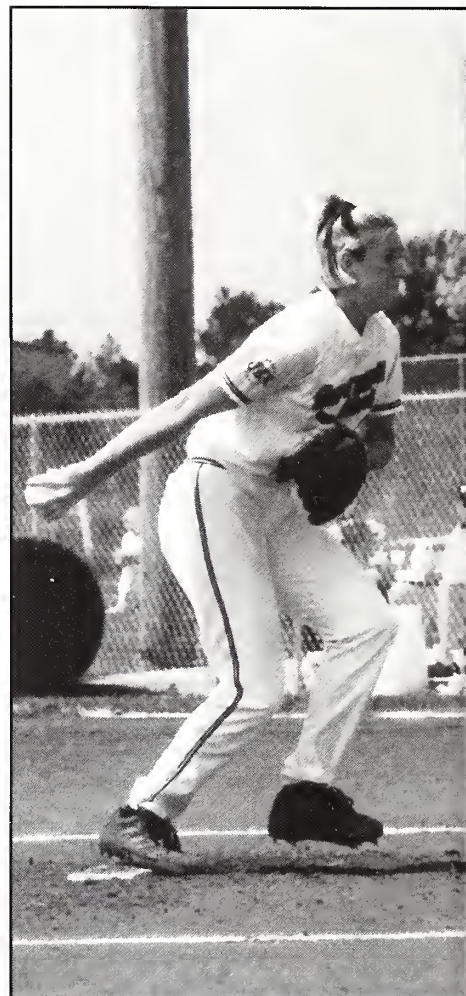


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#25 **Kenya Peters**, a catcher for the Lady Eagles Softball Team, concentrates on her next swing. Peters is a sophomore from Gautier, Mississippi.



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ARE IN ...

RESULTS

#5 Courtney Blades pitches another winning game against opponents DePaul. Blades is a senior from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
2/04	Washington	4-9 L	3/18	Dayton	3-0 W
2/04	Arizona	1-9 L	3/18	Charleston	4-0 W
2/05	Washington	6-8 L	3/19	Ohio State	3-2 W
2/06	Arizona	2-10 L	3/19	North Carolina	7-2 W
2/11	Arkansas	7-0 W	3/25	DePaul	3-0 W
2/11	Northwestern State	8-0 W	3/25	DePaul	0-3 L
2/11	Stephen F. Austin	1-2 L	3/29	Mississippi	2-3 L
2/12	Kentucky	4-1 W	3/29	Mississippi	6-4 W
2/13	Oregon	3-0 W	4/01	Louisville	1-0 W
2/13	Oklahoma	1-10 L	4/01	Louisville	3-1 W
2/18	Texas-Arlington	5-0 W	4/02	Louisville	4-0 W
2/19	Southern Illinois	5-0 W	4/05	Miss State	2-0 W
2/19	SAM Houston	3-0 W	4/05	Miss State	1-2 L
2/19	Louisiana Tech	10-0 W	4/08	Florida State	9-0 W
2/20	Louisiana Monro	8-4 W	4/08	Florida A&M	2-1 W
2/20	Wisconsin	5-3 W	4/09	Florida A&M	4-1 W
2/25	Alabama	8-0 W	4/09	Florida State	4-1 W
2/25	Louisiana State	4-1 W	4/15	Saint Louis	11-3 W
2/26	Baylor	3-3 W	4/15	Saint Louis	5-0 W
2/27	Alabama A&M	8-0 W	4/16	Saint Louis	1-0 W
2/27	Louisiana State	3-4 L	4/19	Southeastern Louisiana	4-0 W
2/29	Louisiana Monroe	5-0 W	4/20	Centenary	8-0 W
2/29	Louisiana Monroe	8-0 W	4/20	Centenary	11-0 W
3/01	Samford	10-0 W	4/22	Alabama Birmingham	9-0 W
3/01	Samford	7-1 W	4/22	Alabama Birmingham	6-0 W
3/10	Colorado State	7-4 W	4/23	Alabama Birmingham	8-0 W
3/10	Texas San Antonio	5-3 W	4/29	UNC Charlotte	8-0 W
3/11	Louisiana State	2-1 W	4/29	UNC Charlotte	11-0 W
3/12	Wichita State	8-0 W	4/30	UNC Charlotte	8-0 W
3/12	Oklahoma	5-4 W	5/06	South Florida	9-0 W
3/17	Buffalo	15-0 W	5/06	South Florida	10-2 W
3/17	Winthrop	9-0 W	5/07	South Florida	5-2 W

After proving to the nation last year that they were a major force to be contended with in college softball competition, the Lady Eagles have come back this season ready to prove that they have staying power.

Gone are the days when USM softball was overlooked, now the team is known as one of the elite, with some of the best players in the nation leading the way.

Courtney Blades, who led the way to the World Series last year, is again leading the team, this year a little older and a lot more experienced.

However, as is true of any team, this is a group effort and Blades is not alone in terms of talent and experience.

Amy Bermen, last year's All-American Shortstop, is considered one of the nation's leading hitters and a threat to any team she bats against. A senior from California, Berman also has the experience needed to guide young players in their pursuit of the national title.

As the players grow in their abilities, as well as in their national status, the local community and campus leaders cannot help but notice. Fans show their support of the team by filling the stands at home games and journeying to away games.

Campus officials show their support by making plans for a new softball field, showing that when a team proves itself, everyone notices.

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Sliding Their Way Home

#28 **Darren Welsh** at the plate. Welsh is a sophomore catcher from Laurel Mississippi.



Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher

#17 **Brent Quinn** makes a base hit. Quinn is a junior infielder from Jackson Mississippi.

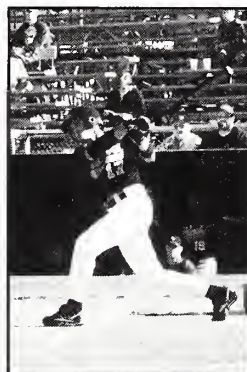


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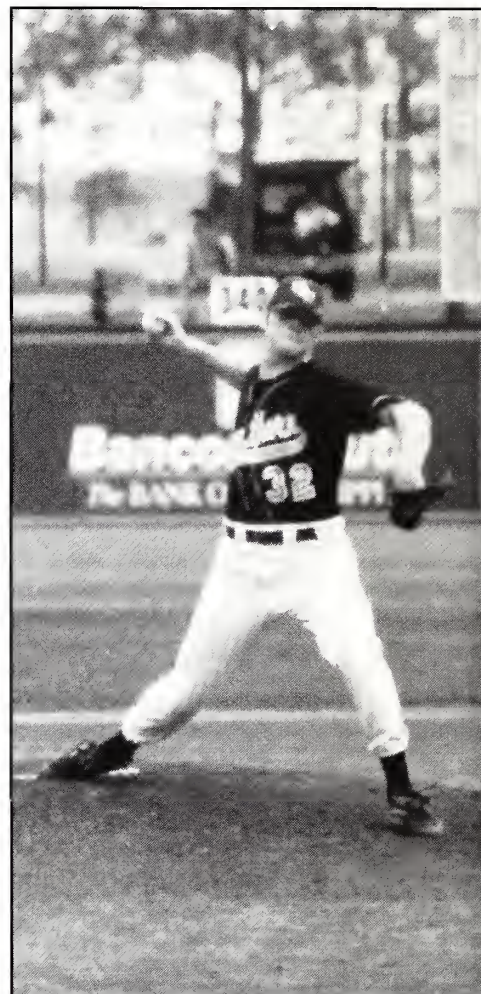


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#27 **Greg Wooley** takes off for first base. Wooley is a senior first baseman from Lucedale, Mississippi.

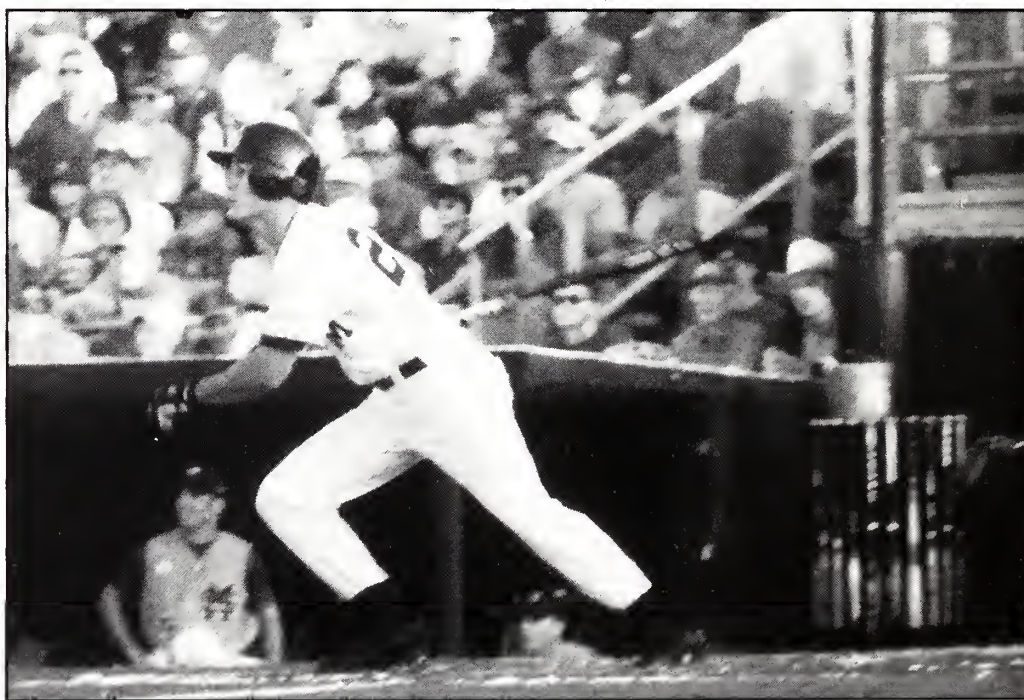


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2/12	Georgia State	2-4 L	4/01	Saint Louis	4-2 W
2/13	Georgia State	14-8 W	4/02	Saint Louis	4-8 L
2/18	LA Lafayette	1-4 L	4/05	Jackson State	14-2 W
2/19	LA Lafayette	3-5 L	4/05	Jackson State	15-7 W
2/20	LA Lafayette	0-8 L	4/07	Louisville	5-2 W
2/22	LA Monroe	10-2 W	4/08	Louisville	8-4 W
2/23	LA Monroe	4-7 L	4/09	Louisville	15-3 W
2/25	Nicholas State	9-3 W	4/11	Alabama	6-8 L
2/26	Nicholas State	17-5 L	4/15	UNC Charlotte	2-4 L
2/27	Nicholas State	6-0 W	4/16	UNC Charlotte	2-3 L
2/29	Mississippi	15-14 W	4/19	South Alabama	4-6 L
3/01	South Alabama	5-2 W	4/21	AL Birmingham	12-1 W
3/04	New Orleans	7-8 L	4/22	AL Birmingham	3-0 W
3/05	New Orleans	9-10 L	4/23	AL Birmingham	7-10 L
3/07	Middle Tennessee	7-3 W	4/25	Mississippi State	10-6 W
3/08	Middle Tennessee	3-7 L	4/26	Mississippi State	5-8 L
3/10	Belmont University	7-6 W	4/28	Cincinnati	16-3 W
3/12	Belmont University	4-0 W	4/29	Cincinnati	8-3 W
3/13	Mississippi	4-12 L	4/30	Cincinnati	10-16 L
3/17	Memphis	3-2 W	5/02	Southeastern LA	5-10 L
3/18	Memphis	10-9 W	5/03	New Orleans	15-3 W
3/21	Alabama	5-6 L	5/05	Tulane	2-3 L
3/23	South Florida	14-2 W	5/06	Tulane	3-10 L
3/25	South Florida	14-6 W	5/07	Tulane	7-4 W
3/26	South Florida	6-4 W			
3/28	Southwest Missouri	7-5 W			
3/29	Southwest Missouri	8-4 W			
3/31	Saint Louis	2-0 W			

#32 **Chad Rogers** is one of Southern's starting pitchers. Rogers is Junior from Pensacola, Florida.

For those who love baseball, it is not just fun and games, but a way of life. Students skip classes to attend games. Die hard fans begin tailgating early on game day, and many flock from out of town just to cheer on their favorite team.

Though some people do not understand the sport and wonder what the fuss is about, those who know USM baseball know that the team is worthy of attention.

Faced with the loss of many outstanding players from last year's squad and left with a young team, USM players were forced to grow up fast and prove themselves as leaders.

Throughout the season, they have done just that.

Though USM lost its first game of the season 4-2 to Georgia State on Feb. 12, the Eagles came back the very next night and proved that they could recover from defeat as they blasted Georgia 14-8.

The team was still early in the season, though, and it took being swept in

three games by Louisiana State for the players to pull together as a team.

After those three losses, USM went on to have winning streaks of five games and seven games, leading to a record of 27-15 as of April 23.

The latest win for Southern Miss has come in a key game against in state rivals, the MSU Bulldogs. A nationally televised game, this meet drew a crowd of students, fans and alumni, all cheering on the Golden Eagles, who won 14-6.

As the season continues for USM, those who make up this young team will look to continue the high level of performance they have shown so far in the season, even as they try to become even better players and leaders.

So far, the team has proven that it is not age that counts, but ability to play, willingness to step forward and lead when you are called on, and banding together as a team to meet any foe head on. These things are what make a team truly great.

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

#24 Jody Wood rounds third base on his way home. Wood is a freshman planning to major in pre-med and minoring in business.



Photo by Stephanie M. Cruthirds

Second baseman, **#8 Ben Mosley**, shows his strength at the plate. Mosley is a junior from Daphne, Alabama.

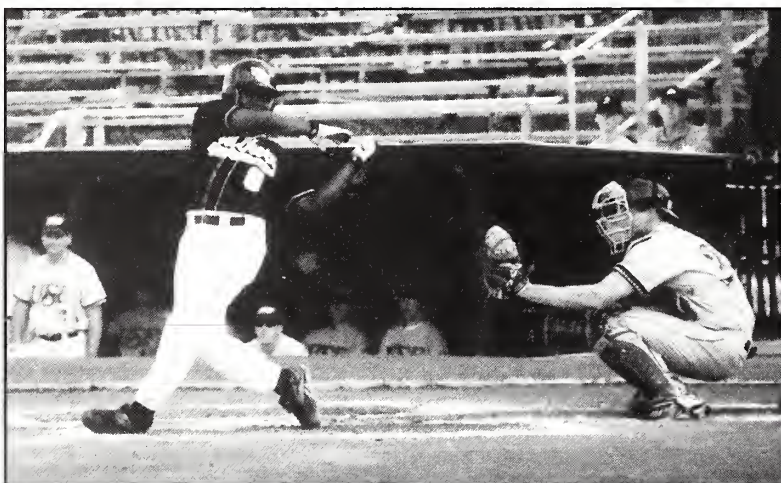
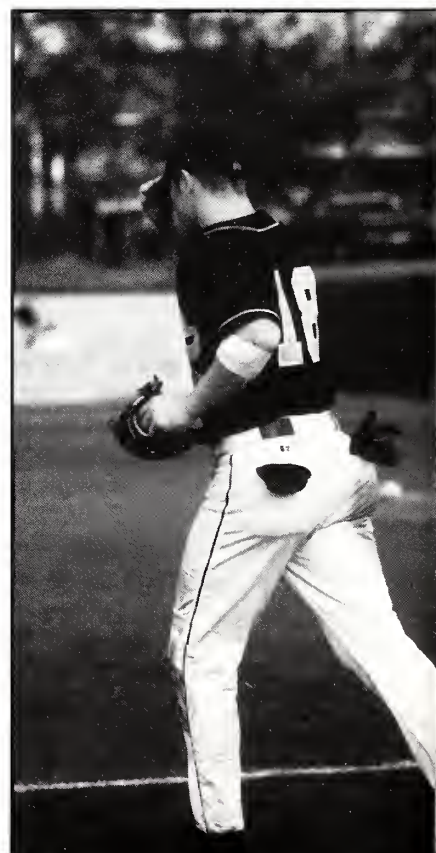


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Senior **#18 Josh Hoffpauir** on his way to the outfield. Hoffpauir plays outfield as well as infield.

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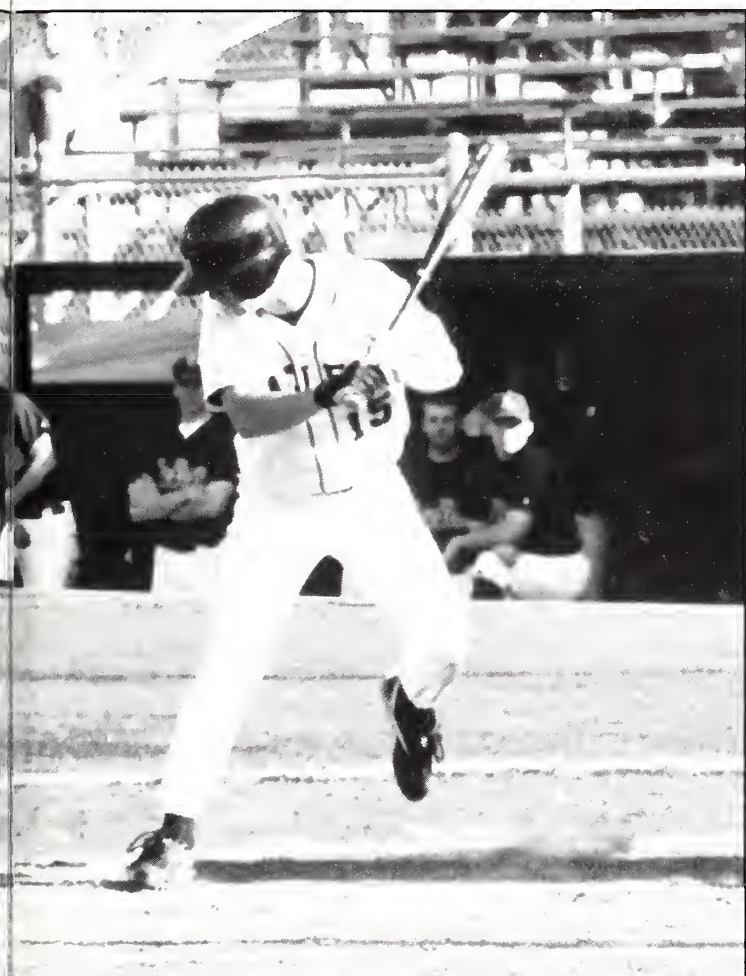


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#15 Jeff Cook settles in for the pitch. Cook is a pitcher and plays shortstop.

#36 Chris Finnegan is a starting catcher. Finnegan is a secondary education major from Omaha, Nebraska.



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#43 DeQuincy Scott is a designated hitter. Scott is a junior from LaPlace, Louisiana.

Shortstop, **#34 Chris Fishburn**, heads to first. Fishburn is a senior business administration major.

Shooting for the Top

Arnika Hughes, #34, and Angela Atterberry, #12, struggle to block their opponents shot. Despite poor pre-season reviews, the Lady Eagles were 17-12 for the season.



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Hattiesburg American*

Junior center, Alex Gonzalez rushes the court, searching for an open shot. A native of Corpus Christi, TX, Gonzalez was a promising high school star when she arrived at Southern Miss in 1997.



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#20 Mel Cauthen attempts a free throw with opponents ready to strike. Cauthen was 70 of 89 at the line for the season.



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Results

Men's

Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
11/21	Alcorn State	88-58 W	1/22	South Florida	51-73 L
11/26	Nebraska	75-48 W	1/29	Memphis	67-66 W
11/27	Evansville	77-71 W	1/31	Centenary	61-47 W
11/28	Murry State	65-62 W	2/02	Marquette	67-79 L
11/30	New Orleans	61-51 W	2/05	Tulane	72-71 W
12/04	S Alabama	62-47 W	2/09	UNCC	52-66 L
12/07	LA Monroe	63-77 L	2/12	Memphis	79-73 W
12/11	LA Lafayette	65-47 W	2/16	Saint Louis	71-48 W
12/21	Troy State	61-46 W	2/19	UAB	83-71 W
12/27	Jackson State	73-65 W	2/23	Cininnati	69-95 L
12/30	Auburn	50-56 L	2/26	South Florida	81-88 L
01/05	Houston	82-76 W	3/01	Houston	67-65 W
01/08	Louisville	67-69 L	3/04	DePaul	51-82 L
01/15	Tulane	53-54 L	3/08	Saint Louis	51-59 L
01/19	UAB	57-73 L			

Women's

Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
11/20	N Carolina	43-78 L	1/16	Cincinnati	58-56 W
11/21	U Washington	65-73 L	1/21	South Florida	82-75 W
11/26	Alcorn	66-63 W	1/23	Houston	76-86 L
11/27	Tenn-Martin	81-65 W	1/28	UNCC	64-61 W
11/30	New Orleans	74-67 W	2/03	Marquette	86-95 L
12/03	Gramblin	90-77 W	2/05	DePaul	71-57 W
12/05	Mississippi St	61-82 L	2/10	South Florida	72-55 W
12/15	LA-Monroe	64-48 W	2/12	Houston	78-67 W
12/20	Arkansas	64-65 L	2/17	Memphis	79-68 W
12/22	Virvinia	55-50 W	2/19	UAB	71-56 W
12/29	Ole Miss	60-62 L	2/27	Tulane	78-72 W
1/03	Tulane	77-91 L	3/04	South Florida	60-59 W
1/07	Memphis	84-71 W	3/05	UAB	67-79 L
1/09	UAB	64-66 L	3/16	Georgia Tech	71-76 L
1/14	Louisville	52-83 L			

31 Jessica Woods lofts the ball toward the goal as teammate Alex Gonzalez looks on. Woods is a sophomore forward from McComb, Ms.

With a new coach and a diminished program, the Lady Eagles were picked to be one of the worst teams in Conference USA.

"Many people thought we would only win about five games," said new head coach Rick Reeves.

However, the Lady Eagles proved critics wrong by finishing the season with 17 wins, a fourth place ranking in the conference, and a number four seed in the National Tournament.

"Our girls fit in well with the new coaching staff and really started playing their best at tournament time," said new assistant coach Tiffany Radeliff.

Outstanding play and leadership came from Angela Atterberry, who was named to the 2nd Team All-Conference.

"Angela has been a great member of the team," said Reeves. "The only thing she has done wrong is that she will be graduating."

That leaves the Lady Eagles to face a tough season next year without her.

"We have a difficult schedule next year and a fairly young team, but we will have some returning seniors and we hope to have a good recruiting season.

"I am surprisingly pleased with this year's accomplishments. Hopefully we can improve next year and people will not take us for granted as they have before," Reeves said.

Strength of defense and strong shooting on the line launched the Southern Miss Men's Basketball team to a 6 wins, 0 losses start on the season and propelled them forward to a 17-12 finish.

Through team effort, and great performances on the part of star players, the Eagles were able to make the most of opportunities presented to them early in the season.

These opportunities paved the way for David Wall, a junior forward, to lead the team with 494 points for the season.

Also impressive were Vandarel Jones' (senior forward/center) and Carlos Booker's (senior center) 174 rebounds apiece for the season.

Even with these numbers, the season was one of ups and downs. After a six-game winning streak, the Eagles had a four-game losing streak, and traded wins and losses for much of the rest of the season.

Unfortunately, these trade-offs came forcefully to a halt when USM lost their final game to Saint Louis, in the first round of the OCG Conference USA Tournament. Saint Louis went on to win the tournament.

After another season filled with tragedy and triumph, the Eagles can only look to the future, and the possibilities that lie ahead in the next season.

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal



#11 **Angela Johnson** breaks away from her defender. Johnson, a native of McComb, has spent her junior year as a guard for Southern Miss.



Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher

#20 **Mel Cauthen** drives past the opponent on his way to make a score. Cauthen is a junior from Shreveport, LA.



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#12 **Angela Atterberry** puts the ball up during CUSA action. Atterberry was named to the 2nd All-Conference Team.

Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher





Southern Miss ladies and their defenders get tangled up in pursuit of the ball.

Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher



#31 Tobias Brinkley sails above the court to slam dunk the ball. Brinkley spent this, his first year at Southern Miss, as a guard.

Photo contributed by Hattiesburg American



#20 Mel Cauthen leaps past his defender to post points for Southern Miss. Cauthen is a junior guard from Shreveport, LA.

Photo contributed by Hattiesburg American



#30, David Wall, and #33, Carlos Booker, race downcourt in home-game action.

Photo by Stephanie M. Crutcher

USM player passes the ball under pressure.



Photo by Tarrence Sinclair

Adeanah Pierce, #10, makes a fast break down court in home game action. After struggling with a knee injury last season, Pierce has proven her worth to the team this year.



Photo by Stephanie M. Cruthers

#25 Kilavorus Thompson soars above defenders to sink a shot for Southern Miss.





#33 Carlos Booker floats to earth after sinking a two-pointer for his team.

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#40 Alex Gonzalez ducks away from defenders as she searches for an open shot.

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#10 Adeanah Pierce struggles to pass the ball against a fierce defender.

#12 Angela Atterberry's shot is blocked as she attempts to shoot past defenders.

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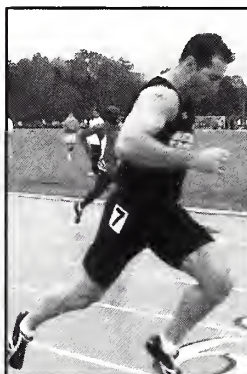
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No Distance too Far

Rebecca Thornell-Lee darts around the track with ease. Thornell-Lee is Southern Miss Indoor Record Holder in the 500 Meters at 2:16.51, 800 Meters at 2:17.97 and the One-Mile Run at 5:13.94 and the Outdoor Record Holder in the 1,500 Meters at 4:39.23.



Making his final lap around the track, **Jason Wilson** sprints to the finish line. Wilson is the Southern Miss Record Holder in Pole Vault at 15'9" and The Outdoor Record Holder in the Decathlon with 7,168 points.



Hope Sinclair floats over the pole for a smooth landing. Sinclair shares the Southern Miss Indoor High Record at 5'8" and The Outdoor record holder in the High Jump at 5'7.75" and The Heptathlon Record holder with 4,998 points.



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Men's 1999 CROSS COUNTRY

Loyola-Tulane	3Miles	2nd (31pts) of 7 teams
Southern Miss	5,000M	1st (15pts) of 4 teams
Alabama	8,000M	1st (30 pts) of 9 teams
Auburn	8,000M	3rd (108 pts) of 33 teams
LSU	8,000M	1st (36 pts) of 9 teams
Memphis	8,000M	1st (21pts) of 9 teams
C-USA	8,000M	1st (43pts) of 11 teams
South Region	10,000M	1st (67pts) of 23 teams

2000 INDOOR TRACK

LSU Purple Tiger Classic	Nonscoring
Arkansas State Invitational	T 1st/112points
LSU Invitational	Nonscoring
Houston Invitational	6th/35 points
LSU Meet	Nonscoring
C-USA Championship	5th/73 points

Women's

1999 CROSS COUNTRY

Loyola-Tulane	2Miles	5th (111pts) of 8 teams
Southern Miss	5,000M	4th (71pts) of 6 teams
Alabama	5,000M	1st (30 pts) of 14 teams
Auburn	5,000M	3rd (108 pts) of 30 teams
LSU	5,000M	1st (36 pts) of 10 teams
Memphis	5,000M	1st (21pts) of 8 teams
C-USA	5,000M	1st (43pts) of 12 teams

2000 INDOOR TRACK

LSU Purple Tiger Classic	Nonscoring
Arkansas State Invitational	1st/152points
LSU Invitational	Nonscoring
Houston Invitational	6th/55 points
LSU Meet	Nonscoring
C-USA Championship	6th/37.50 points

Emmanuel Osabutey gives his all to leap his farthest into the long jump. Osabutey was a member of the 2 x 200 meter relay team that set a new school record with a time of 1:25.06 his sophomore year.

Bringing distinction to themselves and Southern Miss, the men's cross-country team won the Conference USA championship and the Region 9 championship in the fall 1999 season.

However, after doing everything right and posting the best cross-country season in the history of USM, the men's cross-country and indoor track team received a horrible blow — the team would be disbanded and no longer supported by the university.

"Because of budget problems, the athletic director, Richard Giannini made the decision to stop supporting the team monetarily," said head coach Wayne Williams. "We hope that in the future, as the athletic debts come under control, the programs will be re-instated."

Even though the university will not officially recognize the program, players will still continue to participate in meets individually and will also still have one university-supported outlet for their talent — outdoor track and field.

"To have good programs, you really need cross-country, indoor and outdoor

track," Williams said. "Even though we are disappointed that we will not have all of these, the outdoor program will continue to be strong."

As yet it is early in the outdoor season, but already several players have proven themselves as threats to competitors.

"So far we have only competed in three meets, but Jason Wilson has established himself as the person to beat in the decathlon," said Williams.

Williams also mentioned Winston Reilly, Emanuel Osabutey, Paul Kemei, Jamie Arriaga and Samuel Charaisi as runners to watch.

On the women's side of the sport, the indoor season has not been as good as hoped for, but still has produced players who are destined to play at a higher level.

"Rebecca Thornell and Hellena Wrappah are really doing well," said Williams.

Though the track and field teams have experienced many trials this season, next year promises to bring new opportunities for talented players.

By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Slammin' it over the Net

Taking a giant leap, #12, **Kendall Reid-Webster** blocks the ball. Reid-Webster is the daughter of Deanna Webster.



Photo by Stephanie M. Cruthards

#24, **Lindsay Westendorf** keeps her opponents from scoring. Westendorf is the daughter of Steve and Judy Westendorf.



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Sliding for the ball, #11, **Rebecca Rabb** goes in for a save. Rabb is the daughter of Robert and Sheila Rabb.

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DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/1	Louisiana Tech	3-0	10/03	Univ of Memphis	3-2
9/3	Univ of Tulsa	3-1	10/05	Univ of New Orleans	3-0
9/3	Univ of S Alabama	3-1	10/08	Univ of Cincinnati	0-3
9/7	Nicholls State	3-0	10/10	Univ of Louisville	0-3
9/10	Seton Hall	3-0	10/15	Saint Louis	0-3
9/10	Michigan State	0-3	10/17	UNC Charlotte	3-1
9/11	Massachusetts	0-3	10/22	Tulane Univ	0-3
9/11	New Hampshire	0-3	10/29	Marquette Univ	0-3
9/15	Tulane Univ	3-1	10/31	DePaul Univ	0-3
9/17	Troy State Univ	3-0	11/05	Univ of S Florida	1-3
9/17	Lupui	3-2	11/07	Univ of Houston	0-3
9/18	Southern Univ	3-0	11/10	Louisiana State	0-3
9/18	Arkansas State	0-3	11/12	Univ of Memphis	2-3
9/21	Mississippi State	0-3	11/14	UAB	3-1
9/24	Univ of Houston	2-3	11/18	South Florida	0-3
9/26	Univ of S Florida	2-3	11/23	Auburn Univ	0-3
10/01	UAB	2-3			

#9, Crystal Zane jumps to hit the ball back over the net for another Eagle score. Zane is the daughter of Wally and Renee Zane.

After two years of top level play and hopes for an equally bright season this year, the women's volleyball team has faced injuries and the loss of strong, experienced players.

"We started the season really strong, and won our first five games," said head coach Steve Sykes. "However, after that first strong run, we just hit a brick wall and lost a lot of games toward the end of the season."

The loss of key players to injuries contributed to this decline in the level of play achieved by the team.

"Losing Tasha Barnicoat to a torn ACL tendon was hard for our young team to recover from," said Sykes. "Tasha was really our best player and to lose her for the entire season was devastating."

Another factor that gave the team no breathing room in which to recover from injuries was the strengthening of a still-new Conference USA.

Sykes is left to work only with freshmen and sophomores. Sykes hopes to strengthen his young team with a strong recruiting season.

"Our conference has gotten tougher in the last few years and other teams really took advantage of our weaknesses this year," said Sykes.

Now that Barnicoat and Jackie Bennet, another top player, have graduated, Sykes is left the work with a team full of freshmen and sophomores. He and his assistant coaches hope to have a good recruiting season to strengthen the team.

"We are going to try to recruit transfer students and foreign students to try and bring depth and age to our team," said Sykes.

However, the dynamic of next year's team will depend on the young returning players from this year.

"We are going to have a very different team because we won't have any returning seniors and we will have to depend on the leadership of young returning players," Sykes said.

As the team participates in the unofficial spring season, players and coaches alike look to overcome the disappointments of last season and establish themselves as a strong team again next year.

By: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

A Kick In The Grass

Heading the ball away from her opponent, **Kerri Ann McCabe** stays on top of her game. Playing on defense for her sophomore season, #19, McCabe transferred from William Carey to play for the Golden Eagles during the 1999 season.



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Crutcher*

Juking and jiving around the defenders, #16, **Leila McReynolds** tries to get close to the goal with the ball. As a freshman for the 1999 team, she played midfield and forward on the Golden Eagle squad.



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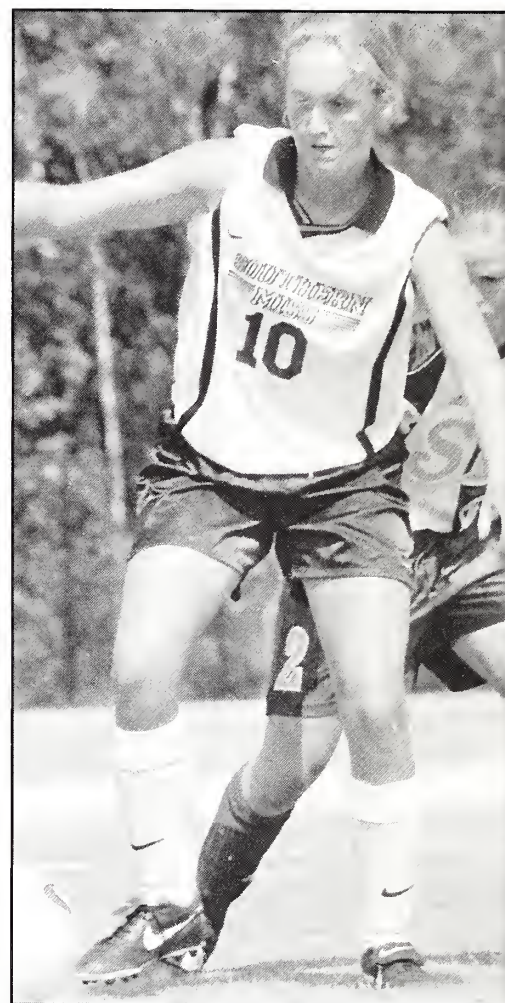


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Keeping the ball in bounds, # 8, **Claire Rea** slide kicks the ball to a teammate. Rea, a freshman from Belfast, Northern coaching and sports administration.



Photo by Hadley Treckenridge

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
08/27	Northwestern State	W	7-0	1-0-0
09/01	Mississippi	L	1-3	1-1-0
09/03	at Centenary	W OT	2-1	2-1-0
09/12	Nicholls State	W	5-0	3-1-0
09/17	at UAB	L	0-2	3-2-0
09/19	at Memphis	W	3-1	4-2-0
09/24	UNC Charlotte	L	0-1	4-3-0
09/26	South Florida	L	0-1	4-4-0
10/01	at Saint Louis	L	0-3	4-5-0
10/03	at Houston	L	1-3	4-6-0
10/07	at South Alabama	L	1-3	4-7-0
10/12	UL Monroe	W	7-0	5-7-0
10/15	Louisville	W	3-1	6-7-0
10/17	Cincinnati	T O2	1-1	6-7-1
10/22	at DePaul	W	3-2	7-7-1
10/24	at Marquette	L	1-3	7-8-1
10/27	Alabama	W OT	4-3	8-8-1
10/29	Tulane	W	1-0	9-8-1
11/03	vs. Saint Louis	W	2-1	10-8-1
11/04	vs. Marquette	L	0-6	10-9-1

By Kimberly Nicole Carr

Blocking the opponet, #10, **Stacey Hall** moves the ball toward the goal. Hall, a junior from Northern Ireland, is majoring in business administration.



With returning veterans and a crew of diligent new players, the USM soccer team battled to a 10-9-1 record on the season, saw changes in the coaching staff and proved itself to be a team worthy of the best opponents.

After reaching the Conference Championships, USM, who was seeded eighth in the tournament, defeated the number one seed, Saint Louis, 2-1. This was the first time in conference history the eighth seed has defeated the first seed.

USM went on to lose in the semi-finals to Marquette, who went on to win the tournament.

The majority of the team's players were veterans and they've got the heart to prove it.

This year's forward line remained strong with returning players Stacey

Hall and Brianna Heffington.

Hall became a standout for the team, scoring seven goals in the last two weeks of the season and being named Conference Player of the Week for both of those weeks.

"I love playing soccer here," said Hall, a junior and native of Northern Ireland. "It's great to be part of a team that is taken seriously."

In the midfield, Trisha Wiles was a force to be delt with, in only her first season playing sweeper position.

Katie Adams was a new addition to the forward line and quickly proved her abilities. She was named to the All-Conference Freshman Team.

Ginger Pringle also received honors for the season, she was named to All-Conference Third Team and finished second in the conference in assists.

Serving up an Ace

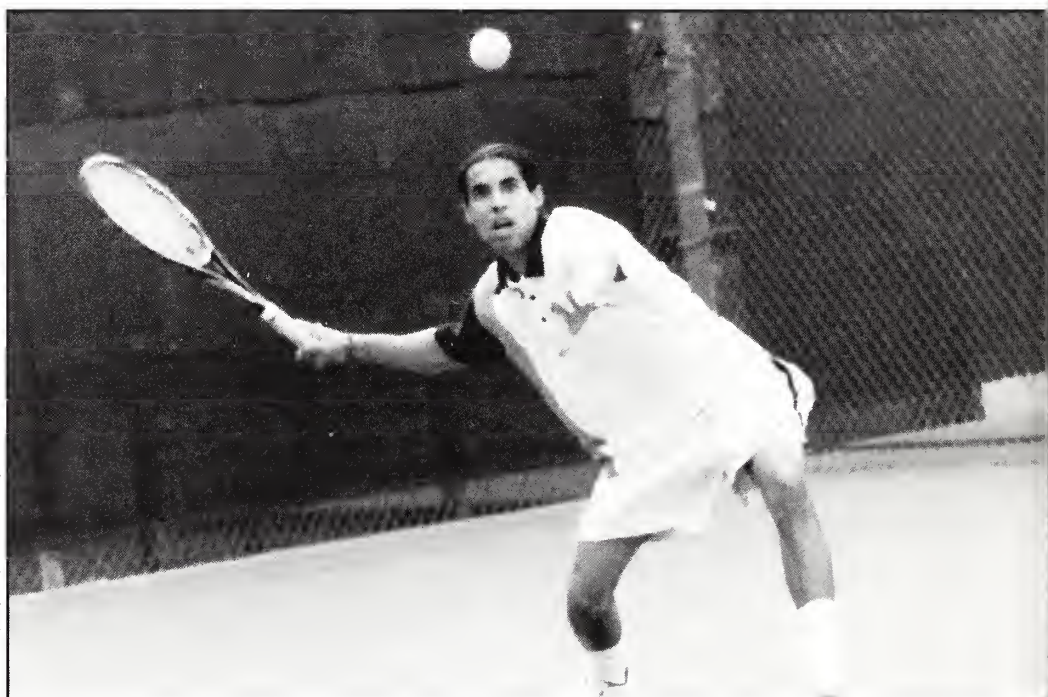
Molly Boutreis reaches back to reach a difficult shot. Boutreis is one of two sophomores on the very young USM Women's team.



Patricia Kuudisova puts power behind her forehand during home action. The displaced USM Eagles are playing home games at Tatum Park this season.



David Terol stretches hard to slam the ball back toward his opponent. Terol, a native of Madrid, Spain, is one of many international students involved with the tennis program.



RESULTS

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Men's					
Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
1/28	MS State	0-7 L	3/10	Ball State	2-5 L
2/11	Memphis *	4-3 W	3/11	W Michigan	3-4 L
2/18	DePaul *	5-2 W	3/16	OK State	4-3 W
2/19	FL Atlantic	4-3 W	3/22	UL Monroe	5-2 W
2/20	FL State 46	4-3 L	4/01	UNC Char *	4-3 W
2/26	Samford	6-1 W	4/02	Tulane*	2-5 L
2/26	SEastern LA	6-1 W	4/09	UL Lafayette	0-7 L
3/02	LSU	2-5 L	4/14	Louisville 48#1-4 L	
3/04	Ole Miss	0-6 L	4/15	UNC Char #	4-2 W
3/05	Florida A&E	2-50 L	4/16	Memphis #	4-2 W
3/09	Drake	3-4 L			

*Denotes C-USA Matches
Denotes C-USA Tournament

Women's					
Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
1/29	MS State	1-8 L	3/17	Nevada	5-4 W
2/01	SEastern LA	7-2 W	3/18	Boise State	2-7 L
2/03	Tulane	0-9 L	3/19	Idaho	6-2 W
2/8	McNeese	9-0 W	4/01	St. Louis*	5-2 W
2/12	Little Rock	5-4 W	4/01	Memphis*	4-5 L
2/18	FL Int Nat	0-9 L	4/01	DePaul*	4-5 L
2/18	Jacksonville	7-2 W	4/05	Nicholls	8-0 W
2/20	Florida State	6-3 L	4/08	Lafayette	5-2 W
2/25	Georgia State	5-4 W	4/13	Cincinnati #5-3 W	
2/26	Samford	9-0 W	4/15	South FL #	1-5 L
2/29	Troy State	4-5 L	4/15	DePaul #	4-5 L
3/11	Virvinia Tech	4-5 L	4/16	Houston #	4-5 L

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Daniel Homedes demonstrates the necessary agility of a good tennis player as he doubles over to reach for the ball.

Information provided by USM Sports Media

Both nationally and internationally, tennis has grown to be one of the most popular sports. This trend extends also to Hattiesburg, where the USM Golden Eagle tennis teams are hard at work completing a strenuous season.

This season has involved many trials, including having the university tennis courts torn down to make way for new freshmen dorms. With this damper put on the season, the team was forced to play at Tatum Park, a new Hattiesburg public facility.

Despite having to move their home games off-campus, the teams have proven their talent over and over to home crowds. The women's team is 4-2 for the season at home and the men are 4-0.

The women's team has many talented athletes, but still struggle due partly to their age. With only one senior on the team, the underclassmen are constantly asked to step up and give leadership to the other players.

The men's team is also very young, with no seniors and only two juniors. Also, every member of the men's team is from a foreign country, giving them the added struggle of learning a new culture even as they try to build a strong team.

Head coach Teddy Viator works hard with the athletes on his teams to help them reach their full potential. Between holding practices, teaching private lessons and running an annual summer camp, Viator dedicates his life to the sport of tennis.

Though USM tennis has faced many struggles this season, the promise of a new facility and the hope that young players will mature gives the teams a springboard to leap from into next year.

Focusing on the Fairway

Senior **Donny Holman** is deeply concentrating on his next swing. Holman is a marketing major, with a minor in general science.



Photo by Stephanie M. Cruthers

Measuring the distance **Claire Dent** gets better idea of how to set up her next shot. Dent is a senior from Birmingham, AL.

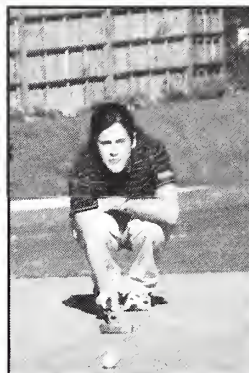


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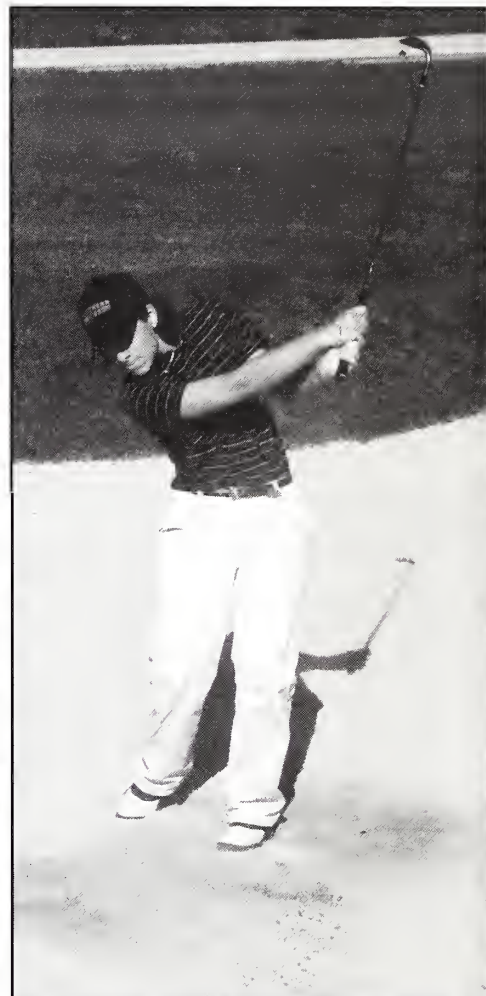


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Walking up the hill, players check out the next hole. Southern Miss Golf Team plays at Timberton Golf Club.



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RESULTS

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Men's					
Tournament	1st	2nd	3rd	TOT	Place
G. Gunby Jordan Intercollegiate	304	302	303	909	13th
Precept Peach State Invitational	315	296	--	611	11th
Hillman Robbins Intercollegiate	320	306	296	922	10th
Adams Cup of Newport Intercollegiate	319	304	328	951	10th
DeepSouth Intercollegiate	297	290	302	889	12th
Country Club of Louisiana	302	308	318	928	17th
FALL TOTAL: 6 Tournaments	1857	1806	1547	5105	
Averages	309.5	301	309.4	928	12th
The Bridges All-American	299	307	297	903	10th
RonSmith Invitational	300	297	297	894	10th
Alabama Spring Invitational	305	296	317	918	17th
Sam Houston ST Bearkat Classic	308	299	292	899	16th
2000 C-USA Men's Golf Championship	309	297	291	897	6th
SPRING TOTAL: 5 Tournaments	1521	1496	1494	4511	
Averages	304.2	299.2	298.8	300.7	12th
99-00 TOTALS: 11 Tournaments	3378	3302	3041	9616	
Averages	307.1	300.2	304.1	300.5	12th

Women's					
Tournament	1st	2nd	3rd	TOT	Place
Unlimited Potential/Baytree Classic	310	314	320	944	11th
Auburn Tiger Derby Invitational	333	318	314	965	12th
Lady Rebel Intrecollegiate	318	323	324	965	13th
Beacon Woods Invitational	315	308	305	928	4th
Palmetto Women's Intercollegiate	339	310	310	959	11th
FALL TOTAL: 5 Tournaments	1615	1573	1573	4761	
Averages	323	314.6	314.6	317.4	10th
Southern Miss Invitational	324	314	314	952	3rd
Green Wave Women's Classic	321	321	315	957	9th
WaterJefe/USF Invitational	310	318	324	952	9th
Utah-Dixie Classic	332	318	315	965	21st
2000 C-USA Women's Golf Championship	310	323	317	950	7th
SPRING TOTAL: 5 Tournaments	1597	1594	1585	4776	10th
Averages	319.4	318.8	317	318.4	
99-00 TOTAL: 10 Tournaments	3212	3167	3158	9537	
Averages	321.2	316.7	315.8	317.9	10th

Marella Canepa chips her way out of a bunker. Canepa is a junior from Lima, Peru.



After having to depend on the leadership of young players last year, the men's golf team will now benefit from the players who stepped up and proved themselves as strong players and leaders.

"The big key we have coming in the year is senior leadership," said head coach Sam Hall in an interview with Sports Media.

"We were weak last year, but really it was a blessing in disguise because we ought to be better for it this year," Hall said.

One senior that the team will depend on this year is Nathan Rogers, who begins his second year on the team.

"Nathan is a very capable player," said Hall. "He's the type of kid that doesn't mind going down and shooting it low."

Over-all, with the help of strong leadership the men's golf team anticipates a season of victories.

With the strength of past victories, the women's golf team enters this season with a hunger to succeed.

"This group is extremely competitive," said head coach Steve Johnson in an interview with Sports Media. "They are very driven to accomplishing their goals."

This work ethic gives the team much personal incentive to work hard on their own.

"I don't put any pressure or expectations on them; they do that on their own," Johnson said.

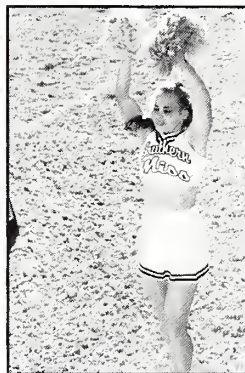
The strength of these qualities come from the seniors on the team who take the roles of leadership that make a team great. Claire Dent, Erin Doyle and Erin Scott have all contributed to the team in ways that are immeasurable.

The women's team will launch a strong season with the help of new players and these returning seniors.

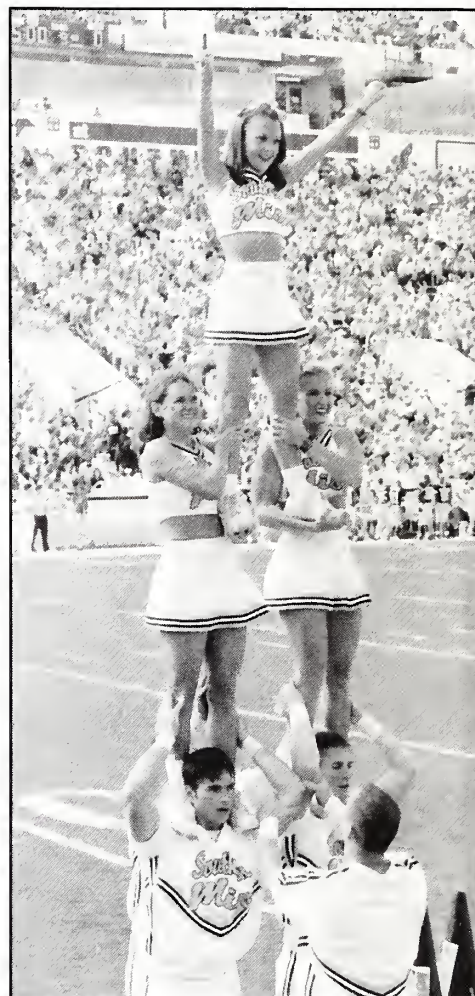
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Cheering on the Fans

Sara Waldman leads the fan in a cheer during a Southern Football game.



Southern Cheerleaders put in many hours of practice and also go to competitions.



James Phillips, Jason Guiron, and Heidi Atkins lead the Basketball fans in a cheer.



Lacey Imhoff and Corey Smith perform during an Eagles Basketball game.



The team displays one of their many stunts during a break in the game. Their formations require a lot of strength and trust. Angela Nause, Lacey Imhoff, Wendy Williams, Brian Hunt, James Phillips, and Mike Gowain



The fans will come to sporting events and the band will play tunes to entertain the crowd. The question remains as to who is responsible for motivating both the fans and the players.

Who will lead the chants that will ignite and spread like wildfire throughout the stands? Who else but one of the most visual groups on campus and in the community.

Southern Miss's Cheerleaders are on the job even before the American anthem plays, and are the last to leave even after the final buzzer sounds.

But the responsibilities of being a cheerleader is not just limited to appearances at football games. The USM cheerleaders are actively involved in many programs on campus and in the community.

"We make appearances almost everywhere, from daycare centers to public schools, we compete in competitions and even appear at birthday parties," said Carter.

But no matter where they go, the cheerleaders always seem to be the hit of any event.

"We always get a warm welcome anywhere we go," said Carter. "Fans really

are good to us, even when we have away games."

For the cheerleading squad, one major event this year was the opportunity to travel to Memphis with the football team as it competed in the Liberty Bowl.

"We held a small pep rally in Memphis and all the fans were great to us," Carter said.

Next year, the squad plans to compete in the National Tournament for the first time in school history. However, those who wish to be a part of next year's team will have to follow in the footsteps of all former cheerleaders and earn their spot on the team.

"Being a Southern Miss cheerleader involves interpersonal skills along with expertise in gymnastics, jumps, kicks, and basic cheer techniques such as voice projection," said cheerleading coach Andre Carter.

However, for those dedicated to accepting physical challenges and who find pleasure in making others stand up and cheer, any effort is worth the rewards they find as members of the USM cheerleading squad.

Story by: Natalie S. Everett and Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Behind the Scenes

Seymour pumps up fans during a home basketball game. Though attendance has been poor this season, many loyal fans have continued to find joy in supporting Southern Miss.



Photo by Stephanie McCreath

Physical Plant worker, Ted Henderson, mows stripes to get Pete Taylor Park ready for the baseball game.



Photo by Jenn Ferry



Photo by Mackenzie Rogers

USM's Field Crew takes pride in assuring the football field is fit to be viewed by thousands.



Photo contributed by Hattiesburg American

Football standout **T.J. Slaughter** receives much needed assistance from student staff **Erika Debro**. On the sideline or during practice, student staff are always ready to lend a helping hand.



Photo by Tanya O'Neal

Story by: Natalie S. Everett

Student staff, **Leigh Anne Blakeney**, stretches softball player **Kedra Seals** before a game. Student staff are essential in providing assistance to USM athletes.



Before the athletes wake up and the tailgaters arrive, the people who really make game day happen are hard at work.

"Our goal (for the fan) is for that person to be able to park and easily walk to the stadium, hand over their ticket, and enjoy the game while eating our concessions," said John David Wicker, Director of Facilities and Event Management.

According to Wicker, this goal is achieved when those behind the scenes plan services for the convenience of the fans. The fans can count on services being there when they need them.

For outdoor events, the physical plant crew treats the turf and maintains the fields throughout the year. Before the first game they may spend an average of five hours a day seven-days-a-week painting and preparing the football field.

Indoor sporting events are equally time-consuming, as the physical plant maintains the court and seating areas. They also make sure that the scorers and the press have seating in an area close to the action.

During the season, the custodial crew keep the stands and bathrooms in order and

provide the players with clean lockers and a room to plan their strategy in during half-time.

Tight security ensures that the fans can count on finding their car where they left it and those with disabilities can enjoy the game from their seats. The barricades that security provides clear up any confusion concerning the appropriate entrances and exits.

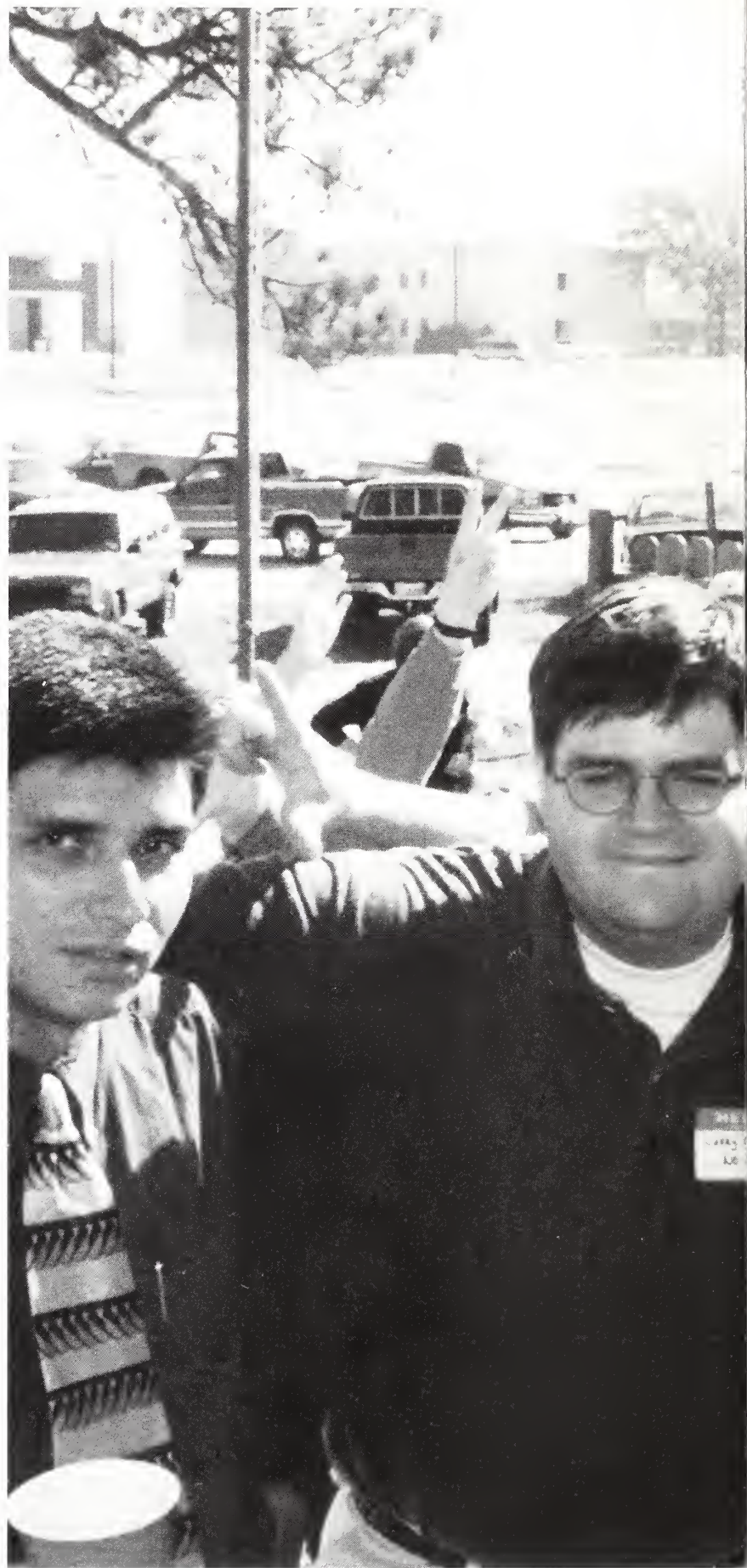
Paramedics are on standby to assist the fans as well as others involved in athletic events in case of an accident or emergency.

And, of course, a sporting event would not be complete without an audience. The audience cannot gain admittance without tickets and ticket workers.

The players on the court and field fill the arena with action and excitement. The fans add the enthusiasm, and the media helps to create the images for those outside of the area. Many would agree that the game would not be the same without any of the proceeding elements.

Those behind the scenes make it all possible.

Philanthropies, parties, sisterhood and brotherhood: all words that describe college life as a “Greek”. The decision to rush and getting a bid lead the way to new experiences. Date parties added a new aspect to our social lives. Greek Week and Derby Days raised money and awareness for the causes that made us feel proud. We came together to deal with problems that erupted around alcohol and noise. We faced continuing changes everywhere but above all else managed to keep a sense of camaraderie between friends and a lifelong tie to each other.



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by kelly comstock

what it's all about

Greeks stay busy with their yearly events



Greeks at Southern Miss are involved in various events on and off campus. The groups participate in their own fundraising as well as other Greeks projects. Sigma Chi Derby Days is a combination of a dance competition, canned food drive, heart walk, and a "Derby Darling", which was won by AKA's Shyrona Taylor.

Other events include Phi Kappa Tau's Soccer Tournament, Chi Omega's "Songfest, Alpha Kappa Alpha's "Hope AKAdemy", Phi Mu's Men of the Year Calendar, Pike's Powderpuff football tournament, and Tri-Delta's Frats-at-Bat Softball tournament, just to name a few. Kappa Alpha Theta has a Basketball tournament to help raise money for CASA. Heather Roundtree, a KAΘ, says "CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. It is an organization that helps abused children."

Besides participation in charity events, Greeks get together for sisterhood and brotherhood retreats. Retreats vary from canoe trips, going to the zoo, slumber parties, and bowling. Dani Ducote, an AΔΠ, says "Our sisterhood retreat is a time for my sisters and I to bond."

Other events that Greeks are involved in every year include Bid Day, Big Sis/Lil Sis Night, and Bible Studies. The AΦA's even hold informational workshops to benefit their members. Step shows are also a main event for Greeks that allow the groups to showcase their talent and new members.

It's obvious that Greeks at Southern Miss know how to stay busy throughout the year.

Opposite Page: Bis 'Sis--Lil 'Sis Night is always full of excitement, as these Chi Omega's show us. The older girls made costumes for their new little sisters to wear. Your matching partner is your new big sister.

This Page, Top: After a week of Fall Rush, the guys finally get their bids. Next, they run to their new home and are greeted with lots of mud. These ΣAE's come together after playing in the mud to welcome their new brothers.

This Page, Bottom: Greeks know the importance of giving back to the city of Hattiesburg. Every year the AKA's show their warm-hearted spirit by caroling at a local nursing home during the hectic Christmas holidays.



by sam simmons

let's get together

Greeks enjoy life away from academics



Greek Life at Southern Miss has evolved into much more than the stereotypes portrayed in the movie "Animal House".

Members strive to be involved in campus and community life. However, Greeks do know the importance of having down time to let loose.

Fraternities and sororities have swaps with themes such as "luau's" and "gangster's". These are usually between one fraternity and one sorority. Swaps are an outlet for the two groups to get together and have some fun. "Swaps are a great way to blow off the pressures of school," said D.P. Daigle, a Pi Kappa Phi, "They're also a way to get to know other Greeks."

There are also week-long festivals that Greeks participate in. The Alpha Phi Alpha's hold Mandingo Fest every year during spring semester. This is a week-long festival that includes step-shows, parties, and community service to honor their founders and to encourage brotherhood. The Delta Sigma Theta's have their own version, entitled "Delta Week".

Greeks also get together by having parties and formals to relax. The AKA's have a 70's Party that allows people around campus to get together and get groovy. As AKA member, Rashida Wilson claims, "Our annual 70's Party is a blast. Everyone dresses up all funky and has a good time!"

So while the fraternity and sorority scene has come a long way from the old stereotypes, members still know how to have a good time.

Opposite Page: These ATΩ's and ΔΔΔ's have fun in the woods at their "Down By The River Swap". People dressed up as animals and hunters to express the theme of the swap.

This Page, Top: The ZΦB's and ΦBΣ's hang out together in front of the Hub during their annual "Blue and White" Week. ZΦBΣ's share a strong bond that unites the two groups.

This Page, Bottom: At ΠBΦ's Formal, these ladies enjoy each others company. Formals are great way to show that there is more to college life than t-shirts and jeans.

AΔΠ

by Terrelle Hubbard

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi have had another stellar year at USM. Sisterhood is not just a word to the Eta Zeta chapter, but a way of life.

Alpha Delta Pi's are involved in all aspects of campus and community life. From Golden Key to SGA to the Baptist Student Union, AΔΠ's stay busy. However, Alpha Delta Pi's also work hard for their philanthropy. The ladies of Eta Zeta had another successful "Rock-n-Bowl" Bowling Tournament.

Members strive to excel in all areas of a young women's life. Whether it's socially, academically, in the community, or athletically, the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi know that they can rely on one another for support in all that they do.

Rebecca Adkinson
Anne Argus
Lindsay Beasley
Kimberly Blakeslee
Kara Brannon
Lisa Burch



Cassey Laine Burk
Melissa Cahill
Elizabeth Carlisle
Regina Caruso
Barbara Chambliss
Katie Childress



Amanda Collier
Emily Cooper
Stacy Daniels
Brooke Deaver
Jessi Delk
Shana Doyle



Danielle Ducote
Elizabeth Folse
Kelli Fortenberry
Robin Gaudet
Susan Green
Carly Gervais



Faith Harris
Allison Henderson
April Johnson
Kimberly Johnston
Erin Jones
Tiffany Jones



Jillian King
Kim Kringel
Brianna Landry
Steffany Lapointe
Jaime Lattanzi
Robin Lee



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Carrie Manhart
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Amanda Moorehead





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Kristie Pearce
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Tiffany Portier
Rebecca Reynolds

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Brandi Robichaux
Erin Sarver
Lisa Scovel
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Kelly Sherlock

Holly Sowell
Melissa Spera
Scarlett Spivey
Lauri Starek
Rhonda Stoner
Vanessa Strahan

Kelsa Temple
Allison Tillery
Aimee Vairin
Elishia Vandiver
Elizabeth White
Jessica White

Ashley Willett
Genia Williams
Amanda Worsham
Amanda Young
Joy Young

from the inside

“ By being a member of Alpha Delta Pi for four years, I would have to say that the most important qualities or aspects that I have learned have been leadership skills and a great deal of patience. ”
Jaime Lattanzi

“ When I first decided to go greek, I was mainly looking for a circle of friends that would always be there, one that I found alive and strong amongst the members of Alpha Delta Pi. Also, I felt comfortable and encouraged to be myself without pressure of someone asking me to change. ”
Rebecca Reynolds

AKA

by Contina Quinn

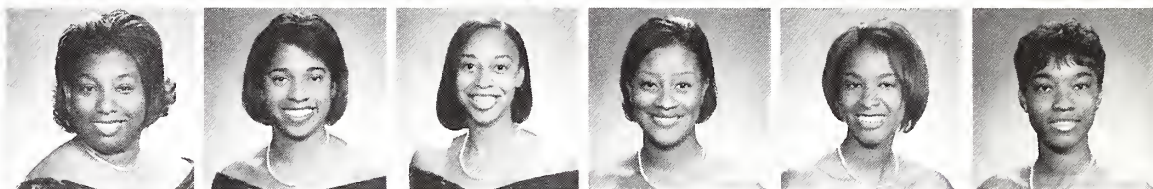
The ladies of the Iota Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are blazing new trails into the millennium as they foster scholarship, leadership, and service through educational programming.

AKA is known for its extensive contributions of service to all mankind. Two service projects that AKA participated in this year included a new Big Sister/Little Sister program called "Hope AKAdemy" and Adopt-A-Highway.

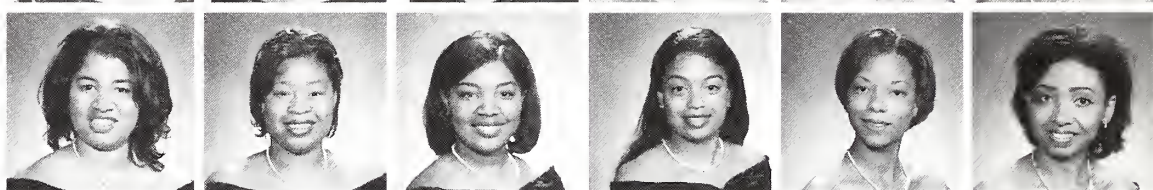
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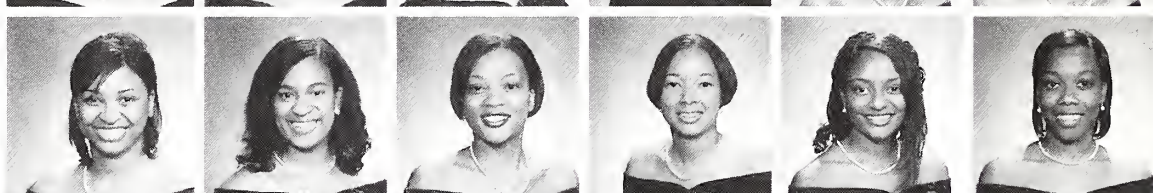
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Amanda Gordon



Torie Hatches
Demetrice Hoskins
Shunya Jackson
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Tonya Johnson
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Monique Thorne
Amanda Wade
Shundra Walker
Nicole Watson
Rashida Wilson



from the inside

"Being an AKA means being versatile. It means being able to handle your academic, philanthropy, and social life."

LaToya Edwards

AΦA

by Gerald Mumford

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. began its existence on December 4, 1906 on the campus of Cornell university, becoming the first fraternity geared toward black men. Encompassing their motto, "First of All, Servants to All, we shall transcend all", the brothers look to be the measuring stick on campus, community, and beyond. This group of young men are extremely versatile, holding memberships and participating in various organizations around campus.

The chapter invests much of its efforts in Project Alpha, a mentoring program for young males stressing sexual responsibility and etiquette. Also, the chapter hosted programs on rape prevention, and cancer awareness. A new scholarship, the Lily McLaurin Scholarship, was introduced in 1999 to a needy student.

The annual Miss Black and Gold pageant showcased eight of the most beautiful and talented ladies on campus. The chapter demonstrated its academic prowess by attaining the highest G.P.A. of all fraternities on campus.

As always, the chapter put on "Mandingo Fest" a week full of educational programs and community service projects, along with a stepshow and parties galore.



Reginald Barnes, Jr.
Scott Bridges
Anthony Chapman
Martinius Everett
Patrick Gray
Julius Laird

Wess McDonald
Gerald Mumford
Ryan Simpson
Percy Smith
Keffer Stokes
Robert Williams

Ricardo Woods
Tony Yarber

from the inside

"Being a part of Alpha Phi Alpha has helped me to grow in many ways. It's great to know that my brothers are always available for food, fun, and friendship."
Ricardo Woods

"We strive to present a positive image on campus while being scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen."
Gerald Mumford

ATΩ

by Kevin McShan

With a nation torn by war into the North and South, Otis Alan Glazebrook had an idea to bind men of all types into one group. Alpha Tau Omega was formed, using Christian ideals as its basis. Every Alpha Tau Omega chapter strives to promote these ideals and each member works at being the best in academics, service, and brotherhood.

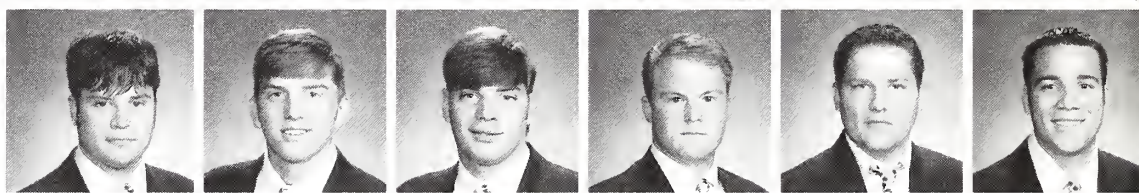
The Epsilon Upsilon chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was recognized as one of the top chapters in the nation this year by receiving the True Merit Award. True Merit is awarded to a select group of chapters that best demonstrate efficiency, excellence, and outstanding achievement in programs, personal development, and overall operations of the fraternity.

The men of Epsilon Upsilon held their 2nd Annual Horror House last October. Over \$1,500 were raised for the Dr. Tom Shoemaker Scholarship Fund. Alpha Tau Omega also used the past year to party with the best. Viking party, Valentine's Party, Band Parties, and Christmas Formal allow the brothers to relax and show brotherhood.

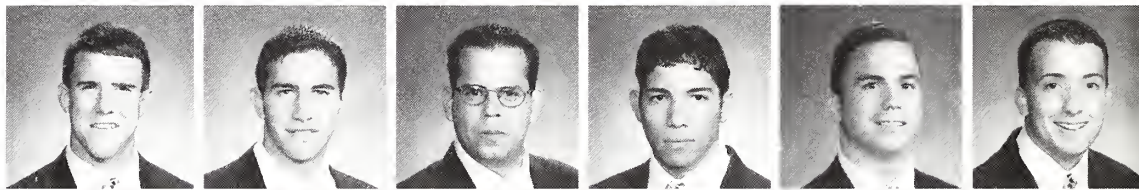
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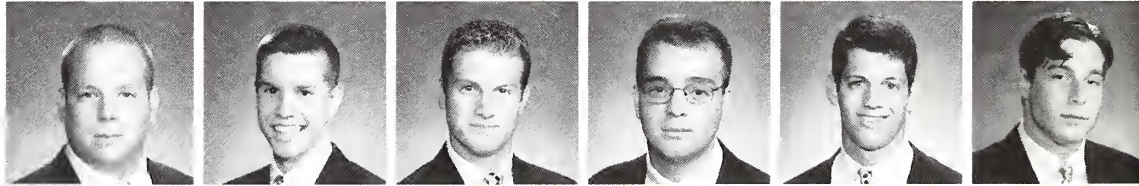
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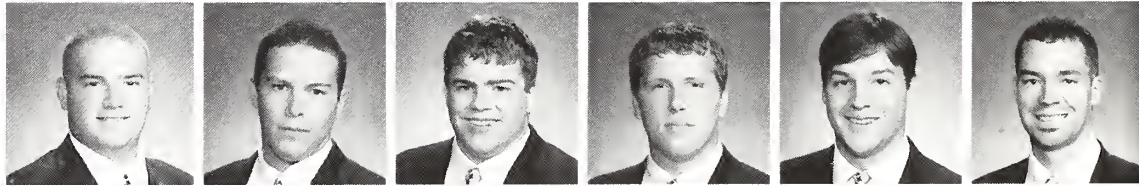
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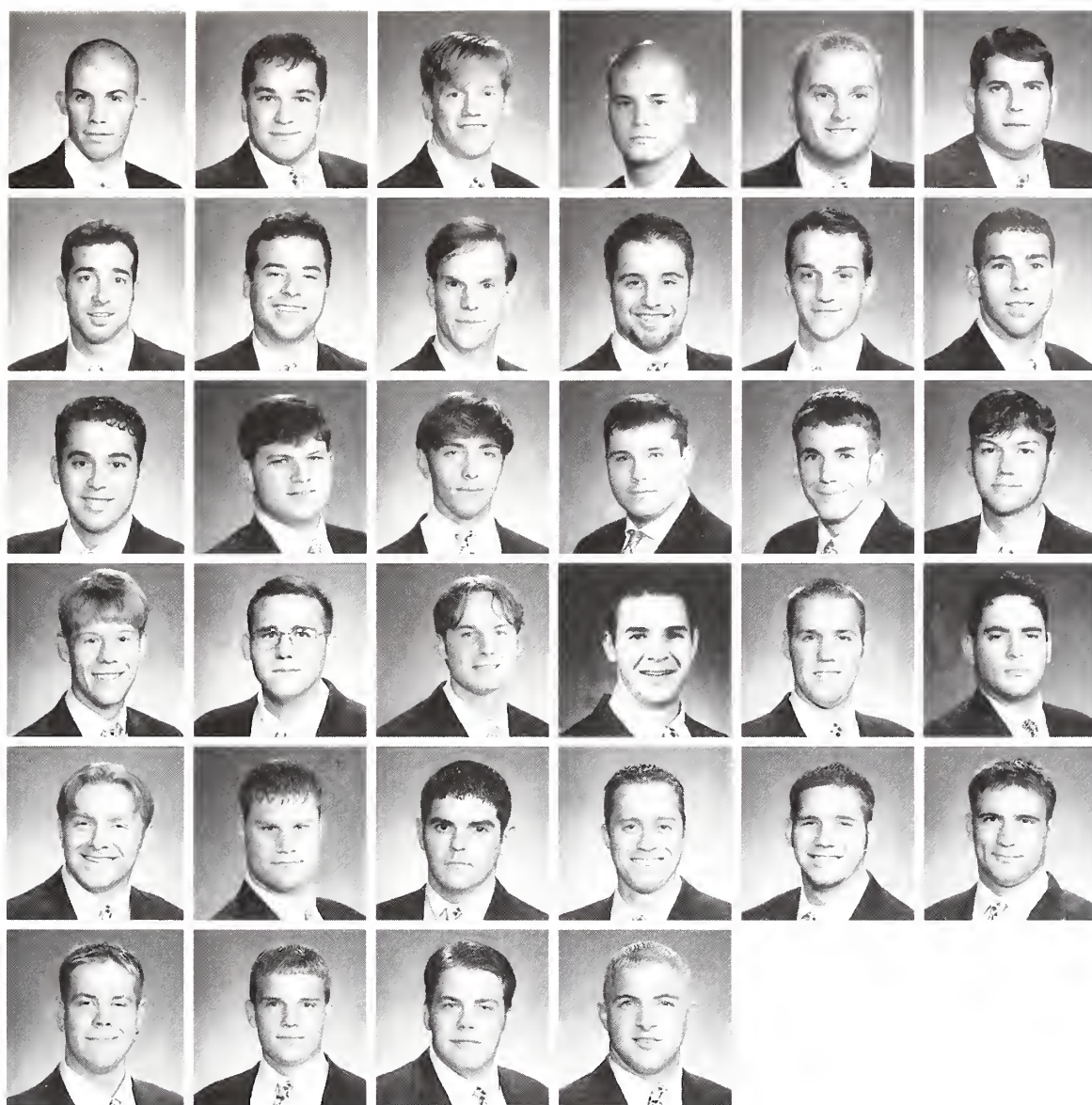


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Beau Lackey



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Richard Lewis
Chris Maratea
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Kevin McShan
Troy Mixon
Darby Murphy
Ryan Neal
Jared O'Neal
Phillip Perkins

Brandon Perez
Damien Perez
John Peterson
Michael Phillips
Richard Powell
Warren Price

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Bradley Tompkins
Cory Trahan

Troy Turnage
Paul Ulrich
Eric VanHoven
Ricardo Vita
Quinn Vorhaben
David Waldvogel

Chuck Ward
Brad Williams
Michael Wilson
Ryan Wilson

from the inside

“Being an ATΩ has been a very rewarding experience both socially and academically. ATΩ not only encourages individualism, but helps to create leaders for the future.”

Eric VanHoven

“Winning True Merit was a special honor. It is something every ATΩ thinks about and works toward everyday. It is our goal to be the best chapter in the nation.”
Drew Reeves



by Allison Cook

The ladies of the Delta Pi Chapter of Delta Gamma started the fall semester with a very successful rush. Delta Gamma offers continuity based on sound and tested principles of integrity, responsibility, and intellectual honesty.

The 23rd Annual Anchor Splash took place in the Spring semester with over \$5000 raised for Service for Sight. Delta Gamma also enjoy participating in events for other sorority and fraternity philanthropies. The members of Delta Gamma know that the strong bonds of friendship will last a lifetime.

Lori Albritton
Donya Alford
Anna Askew
Elizabeth Bice
Sarah Bogard
Teresa Bonner



Meredith Botts
Amanda Brantley
Janine Burden
Alison Busby
Megan Coney
Kathy Conner



Allison Cook
Jill Cox
Lori Cox
April Crane
Jenny Crump
Katrina Dannheim



Lauren Danos
Michelle Dauro
Natalie Dollar
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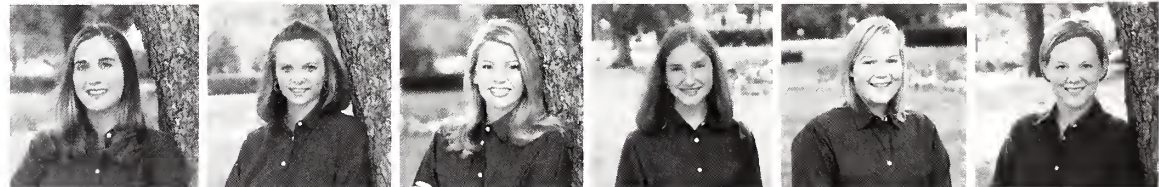
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Nancy Karrick



Carrie Lowery
Kelly Logan
Lauren Lindsey
Amy King
Dani Kennedy
Jamie Keller





Anne Lucci
Kimberly Lyon
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Kristi McDonald
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Amber McIlwain

Katie McMurtry
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Allison Neville
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Jenne O'Sullivan

Sara Peters
Jennifer Posey
Susan Posey
Ashley Power
Hailey Power
Rebecca Prewitt

Jennifer Priest
Kelly Priest
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Sherri Randolph
Tina Sanders
Jessica Schultz

Kelly Scrivner
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LeaAnn Seaman
Christy Siedell
Kimberly Sims
Aimee Smith

April Smith
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Katie Stephenson
Devon Stokes
Elizabeth Tocco

Ashley Tullos
Terri Turnage
Wendy Upchurch
Marie Wall
Juli Watkins
Susan Weldon

Devon Wesley
Brandy Williams
Mandy Williamson
Whitney Wyatt
Jessica Zamora

from the inside

“She is love. She is friendship. She is laughter and tears. She is happiness. But, most of all she is a sister.”

Jamie Herrod



by Wayne Miller

Although they have only been on campus now for 15 years, the brothers of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity have established themselves as a perennial powerhouse at Southern Miss through their outstanding efforts in academics, community service, and leadership positions held on campus.

The Delts have also received national recognition from their international fraternity by receiving the Court of Honor, which is given to the top 20 Delt chapters, every year in their existence. Along with this honor, the USM Delts have also received the prestigious "Hugh Shields" flag 6 times for being one of the top 10 Delt chapters in the fraternity. The Delts are most recognized at USM for their commitment to academics, which has continually placed them at the top of USM's academic leaders. Their Cystic Fibrosis Sports Challenge, which is a tribute to their founding father president who had CF, raised over \$16,000 this past year.

The Delt brothers consider their initiation into the brotherhood as one that is lifelong, as stated in their motto.. "As for my brothers and I, we'll be Delts till we die".

Ray Boudreau
Wesley Boudreaux
Chris Byrd
Rickey Edwards
Robert Eubanks
Joshua Fuller

Matthew Goff
Daniel Harrington
Kevin Havard
Steven Jones
Jarod Leddy
Corey Lytle

Kyle Miller
Wayne Miller
Lanny Mixon
Joseph Newman
Shawn Potter
Nicholas Rosenblatt

Daniel Samuels
John Smalley
Thomas Springston
Michael Stringer
Jason Sykes
Matthew Trahan

John Walters
Brian Zacuat



from the inside

"Delta Tau Delta is a home away from home for me."
Ray Boudreau

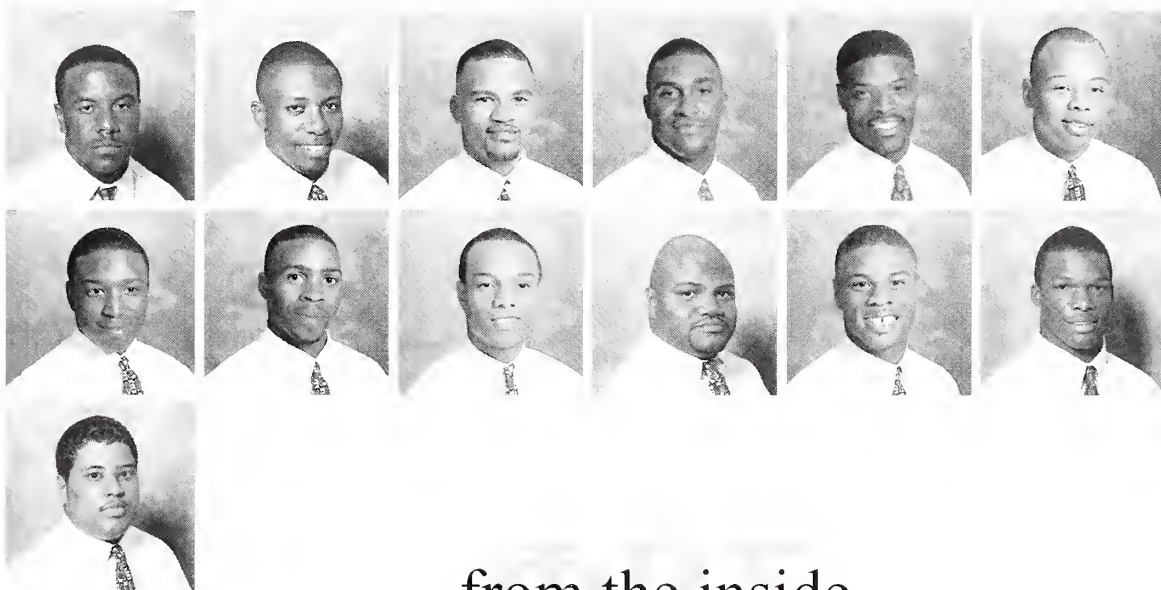
ΦΒΣ

by Sam Simmons

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., is an international organization of college and professional men. Founded on the campus of Howard University in 1914, the fraternity prides itself on its three principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. These principles are exhibited in the fraternity motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity."

The men of the Theta Eta Chapter have made great strides the past few years and are poised to make even greater strides in the new millenium. Keeping with their principle of Service, the men of Theta Eta have been very active in many programs this year. Some of the Chapter's projects consist of volunteering at Aldersgate Mission, MS READS Tutoring Program, and at Woodley Elementary. This year the men of sigma also held their 2nd annual "Uplifting Black Women Program". This new Chapter tradition is aimed at saluting black women and recognizing the important role that they play, not only on this campus, but in society as well.

There is one distinction that only Phi Beta Sigma Inc. can claim. They are the only fraternity to be constitutionally bound to a sorority. Phi Beta Sigma shares this special distinction with the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., forming the only true-blue brother and sisterhood.



Kevin Blanks
Kendrick Brown
Jesse Bullock
Dannye Fowler
Kevin Heard
Melvin Jackson

Kevin Meyers
Todd Pinkston
Zephanian Powell
James Sims
Cornelius Thompson
Raymond Walls

Kerry Walton, Jr.

from the inside

"I joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. to be a part of a professional organization that is committed to enhancing the black community and the empowerment of the black male."

Kevin Meyers

KA

by Don Green

Kappa Alpha was represented well this year on campus in organizations such as Southern Style, IFC Executive Council, Sigma Lambda Chi, Order of Omega, and various other organizations. The Gamma Zeta chapter also gives its time to philanthropies such as the Salvation Army Adopt-A-Mile, and Muscular Dystrophy Association. KA takes a break from the education grind with memorable party traditions such as "End of the World" and "Old South".

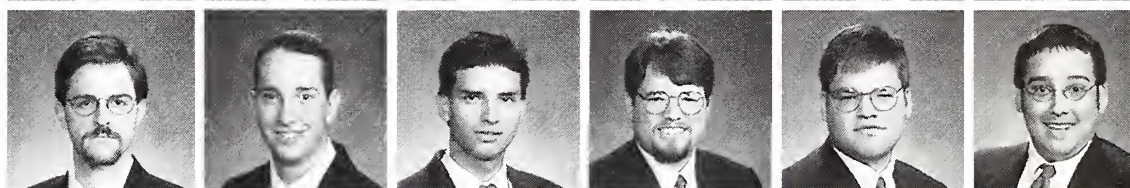
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William Lofton
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Justin Nosser
Jared Quijas
William Reidy
Arthur Ryals
J. Paul Sansing
Frederick Schaub, III



Kevin Schaub
Scott Schroeder
Adam Smith
David Smith
Phillip Smith
Andy Taylor



Aulton Vann, III
Neil Ware
Russell Wilson



from the inside

"The brotherhood at KA is second to none, we will always have our friendships."
Aulton Vann

KA

by Sam Simmons

Kappa Delta marked a half-a-century of sisterhood here at USM during this year's Homecoming Celebration. The Beta Sigma chapter was founded on May 14, 1949 and continues to live up to its long held tradition of excellence.

Beta Sigma was recognized among other Kappa Delta chapters by receiving the Merit Award at their National Convention. This places the chapter among the top ten percent in the nation. KD sisters take pride in their accomplishments over the past year. Ashley Mercer served as Senior Maid on the Homecoming Court.

Service is a top priority for Kappa Deltas. The annual "Shamrock Event", a 5K run, held in March, supports the effort to prevent child abuse. Each year Beta Sigma sends "Silly Socks" to the hospital made especially by rushees on Philanthropy Day. These socks can be worn as puppets on the children's hands and feet because many of them cannot leave their hospital beds. Kappa Delta's also devote a lot of time to their newest philanthropy, the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Beyond all successes which mark this memorable year, Kappa Delta's know that sisterhood is the tie that has kept them together and as they begin the second fifty years of Beta Sigma, they will remember in all that they do to always strive for the honorable, the beautiful, and the highest.



Leigh Abbey
Connie Baker
Kelly Barrett
Erin Baylot
Tiffany Blair
Rebecca Bogard

Sara Buckley
Kimberly Broussard
Jessie Bryant
Jennifer Burkett
Kristen Cameron
Nicki Case

Erin Cheatham
Jami Chiniche
Jennifer Coccoaro
Deborah Coleman
Amber Creel
Kristin Delaney

Kelly DeOrnellas
Lucy Dews
Ashlee Dick
Sara Doby
Apple Dominguez
Emiley Earll

Jody Ellis
Blair Fee
Ashley Ferrell
Emily Ferrell
Katie Flanagan
Jennifer Forbes

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Laura Foy
Allison Gentile
Alicia Gordy
Katie Grey
Marquette Guerin
Casey Guyton



India Hassin
Meredith Hale
Holly Hicks
Laura Hicks
Kathryn Holland
Emily Hood



Alexandra Hornsby
Mandy Hudson
Lori Hughes
Banu Husain
Sarah Hyde
Sarah Irby



Tricia Jacobsen
Kimberly Keels
Melissa Kilpatrick
Maria Koskan
Kelly Kuluz
Sarah Ladner



Brandye Lamas
Julie Lang
Emily Lifsey
Kimberly Long
Dana Lowrimore
Dana Luquire



Kristie Lyle
Andrea Macko
Emily Maher
Ashley Mercer
Jacqueline Moak
Melissa Moore



Mary Catherine Morgan
Shelly Morrow
Suzanne Mullis
Christy Neely
Jessi Parisi
Melissa Powell



Tonya Powell
Stephanie Price
Olivia Quinn
Rebecca Rieth
Robyn Roberts
Tara Robinson





Heather Rogers
Lanette Rogers
Katie Rosetti
Holly Ryan
Leslie Savage
Keri Schutz

Anne Seybold
Ashley Shelton
Suzanne Shows
Natalie Smith
Laura Sprinks
Jennifer Stevens

Myrle-Marie Tallman
Kristi Vita
Jackie Vogel
Sara Waldman
Caroline Weems
Kristy Welch

Lauren Whitaker
Kay Wilbert
Erin Williams
Erin Williamson
Kathryn Young

from the inside

“I could feel the sincerity in every girl's voice that I talked to during Rush. The whole chapter seemed really down-to-earth and I knew that Kappa Delta was where I wanted to be.”

Kay Wilbert

KΣ

by Terrelle Hubbard

The men of Kappa Sigma believe in the pursuit of excellence through academics, campus involvement, athletics, and community service, while striving to be the best they can be.

Kappa Sigma has a strong dedication to its philanthropic events. For the past three years, they have hosted their annual Margaritaville contest, which has raised over \$3,000 for the Randy Jamison Kappa Sigma Scholarship Foundation here at USM.

For five out of the past eight years, Kappa Sigma has won the All-University Sports Award, and has also won the fraternity division award three out of the past five years. The Kappa Sigma flag football teams are both highly ranked, after the teams placed first and third in a regional flag football tournament.

The men of Kappa Sigma also sponsor numerous social functions to allow for relaxation and fun.

David Aurich
Michael Ball
Bradley Boudreaux
Jace Bourgeois
Nicholas Bova
Andrew Bradford



Glenn Braswell
Jerod Breaux
Jared Clay
Carlton Cranford
Chad Cranford
Joe Culpepper



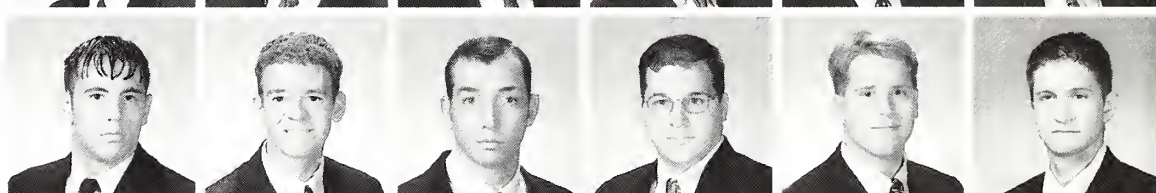
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Brian Holton
Eric Jamison
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Rodney Ladner, Jr.



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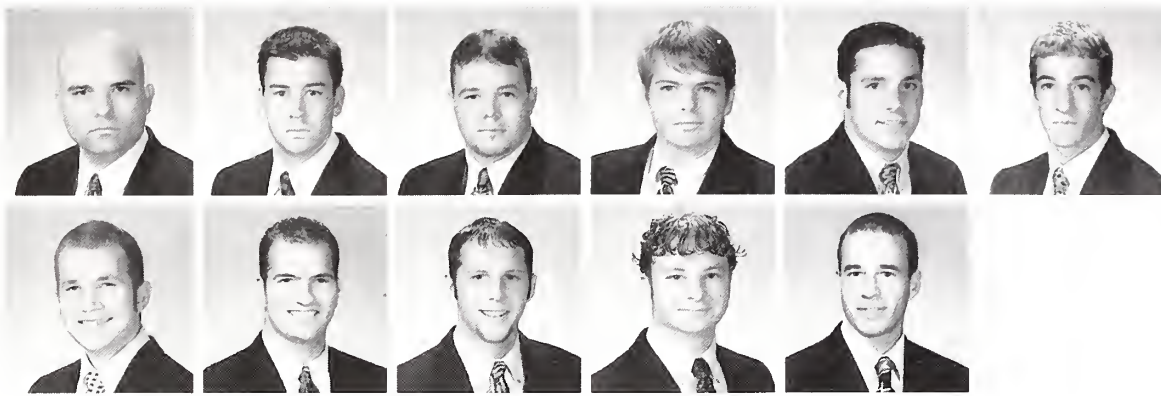


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Donald Peltier III
Michael Peters
Chad Renken
Scott Renken
Benji Richoux



Michael Ring
Cain Roberds
Jonathan Rousset
Taylor Sanford
Jason Smith
Richard Soldine





Robert Steed, Jr.
Chris Talbot
Chris Thomas
Patrick Thomas
Brandon Veit
Anthony Vesa

Charley Wallace
Scott Walle
Matthew Wann
Andrew Warriner
Brock Whitson

from the inside

“Kappa Sigma has given me the opportunity to build brotherhood that will last a lifetime.”
Erik Piazza

“My college experience has been more fulfilling since I joined Kappa Sigma. Being a part of this fraternity has helped me to be involved in campus life.”
Dave Hurich

ΦΚΤ

by David Stewa

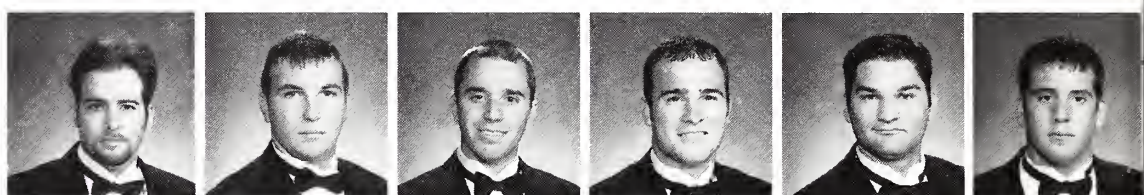
On October 15, 1948 the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau became the first fraternity founded the University of Southern Mississippi, and over fifty years later they are still committed to a tradition excellence. Their motto, "Success is never coasting," is what these men live by everyday.

Phi Kappa Tau are established leaders on campus and in the community. They hold a wide variety of campus leadership positions on campus. For the past two years they were named the most improved chapter in the nation, and one of the top five chapters in the nation last year.

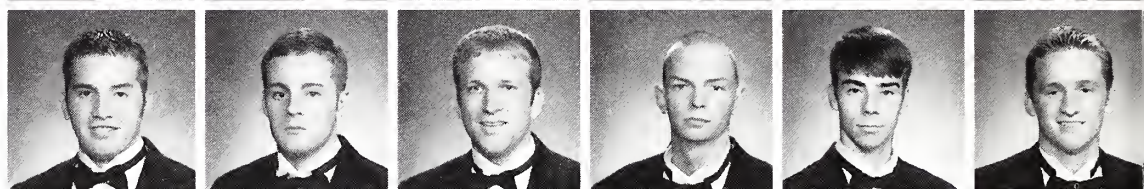
An important part of being a Phi Kappa Tau man is philanthropy. The annual Soccer Classic raises thousands of dollars each year for the Hole in the Wall Gang. Recreation is also a part of Phi Kappa Tau. The Red Carnation Ball and Lost Weekend gave the brothers a chance to take a break from their work and have a good time.

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity is built on brotherhood, which is a tradition that is everlasting.

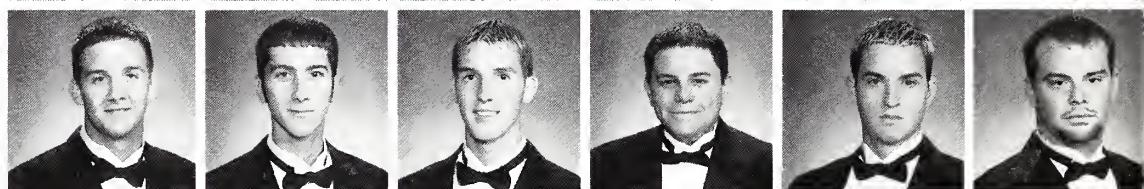
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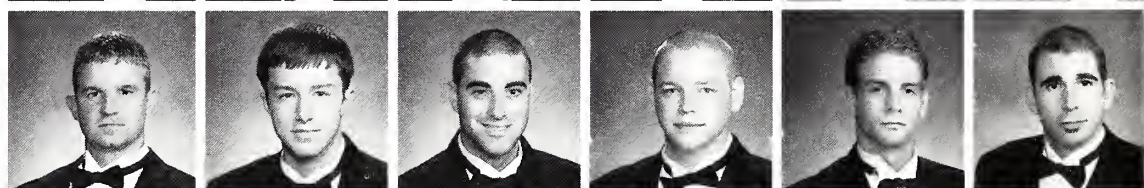
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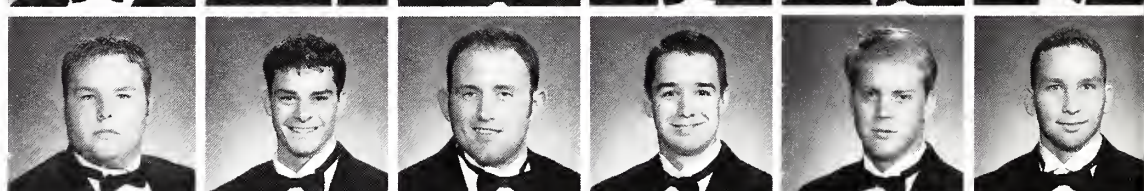
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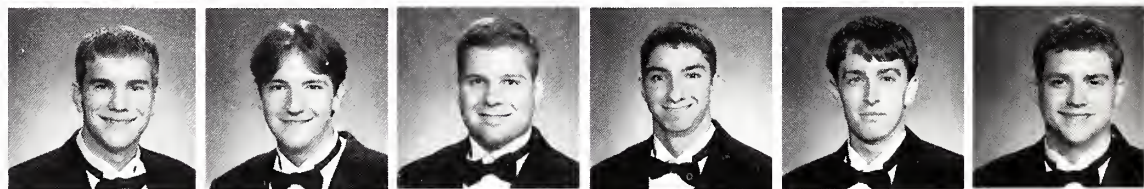
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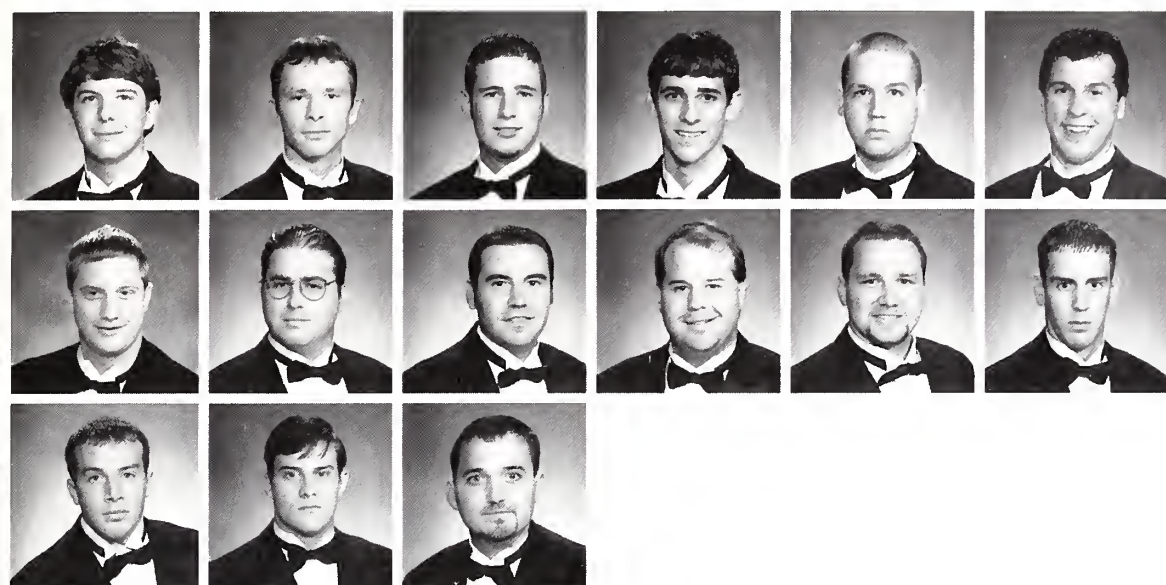


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Bobby Riccio
Jon Richards
Jason Roberts
Eric Robinson

John Sharp
Brian Spreen
David Stewart
Josh Suttles
Robert Talley
Kelly Thornton

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from the inside

“The greatest thing about brotherhood at Phi Kappa Tau is that when everyone pulls together as one there is not any barrier we cannot cross.”
David Stewart

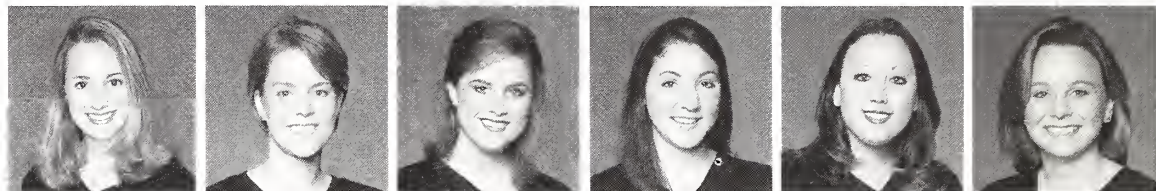
“Here at Phi Kappa Tau we excel in multiple areas. Last year we were IFC Intramural Champions and our grades have been above the all men's average for two years. As Phi Kappa Tau's, our abilities as a whole are unmatched.”
Nick Ortega

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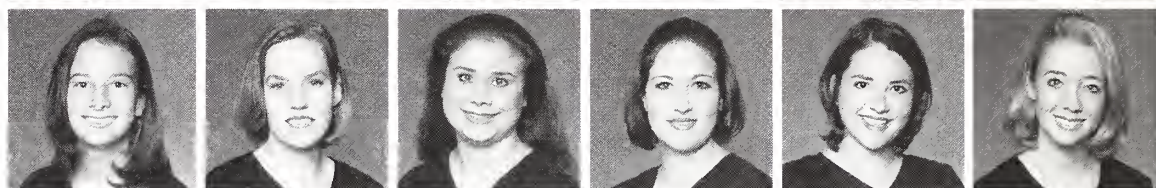
by Tara Marasco

The ladies of Phi Mu were honored to welcome 34 new members into their sisterhood this fall. Excelling in academics, campus activities, and philanthropic involvement are an important part of a Phi Mu. The chapter prides itself on committing to Phi Mu's three ideals: love, honor and truth. The ladies do find time during the year to hold memorable events such as Fall Fling, Sisterhood Retreat, Carnation Sister Christmas Party, and Beach Bash.

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Michelle Armstrong
Christy Beck
Jacee Bergeron
Rachel Bergeron
Meghan Blankenship



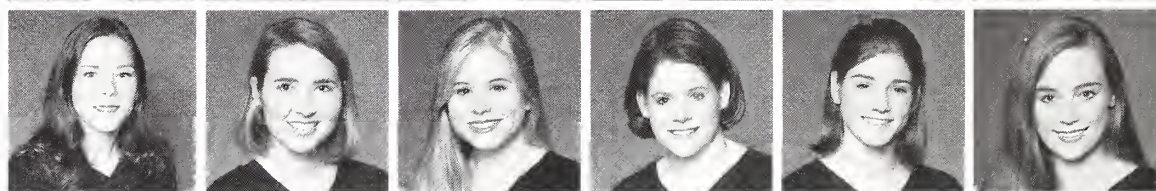
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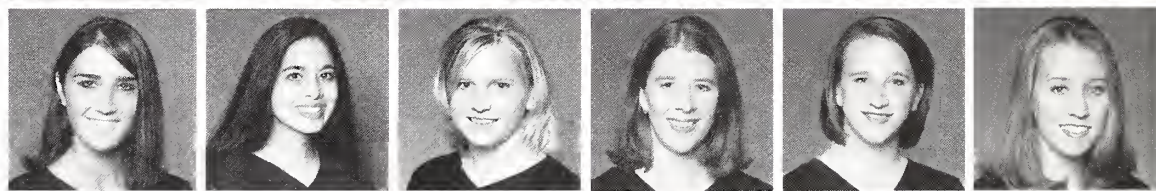
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Crystal Cook



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Jennifer Delmas



Molly Denson
Krupa Desai
Deanna Dossett
Melissa Dotson
Katherine DuBose
Cathy Ducote



Genevieve Dumont
Kellie Dyer
Cyndi Earle
Jeni Edwards
Melissa Fortman
Jamie Foster



Katherine Gatlin
Amanda Griggs
Nicole Guidry
Margaret Haines
Nancy Haines
Courtney Hall



Theresa Henton
Genna Herring
Emily Hewitt
Lisa Irons
Julie Joffrion
Ashley Johnson





Jessica Killens
Nikki Lafhameyer
Lucy Langenbeck
Melissa Lechner
Laurie Loggins
Jennifer Lorig

Tara Marasco
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Amanda McRaney
Holly Mire
Katrina Moody
Heidi Morgan

Jeanne Mauritz
Jessica Murphy
Kenitra Odom
Stefani Phillips
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Jennifer Rehage

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Tanya Robertson
Dana Rogillio
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Caroline Seal
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Susan Slobodnikova
Nikki Smith
Erica Staiger
Julie Steen
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Becca Stillwell
Sabrina Suringer
Vanessa Swain
Kim Talley
Abby Tausend
Katie Theard

Lindsay Tillman
Sarah Toche
Sarah Uhl
Missy Voltz
Allison Wadsworth
Holly Wagner

Kate Waller
Ashley Walsten
Heather Wilkinson
Amy Wingrave
Kelly Zimmerman

from the inside

“ I feel that our sisterhood is one of the main strengths of our chapter. It signifies the support and friendship that our members have for one another. ”

Tara Marasco

ΠΒΦ

by Emily Weatherly

Pi Beta Phi Fraternity started off the fall semester strong with the addition of 34 enthusiastic new members. Through a 7-week pledge program, these women came to understand the friendship, assistance, and diversity that Pi Phi has to offer. Pi Beta Phi also prides itself in high standards for academic excellence. Besides focusing on academics, Pi Phi encourages its women to take an active role on USM's campus. Members are involved in SGA, Southern Style, VISION, and wide array of other campus organizations.

The ladies of Pi Beta Phi would like to dedicate these pages to the memory of Staci Cochran.

Jessica Abadie
Melinda Andrews
Leigh Ann Austin
Katy Ballantyne
Brandy Bellina
Buffy Blissett



Sheri Blue
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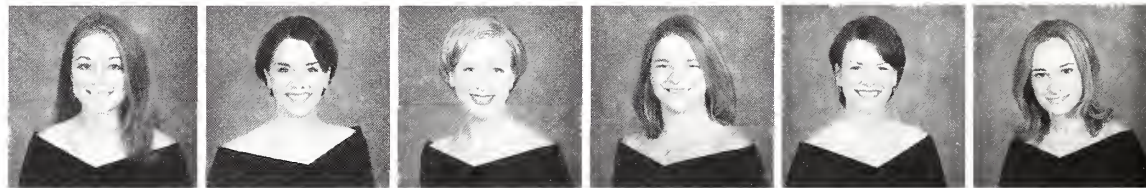
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Amber Flynt



Anna Flurry
Maryellen Fox
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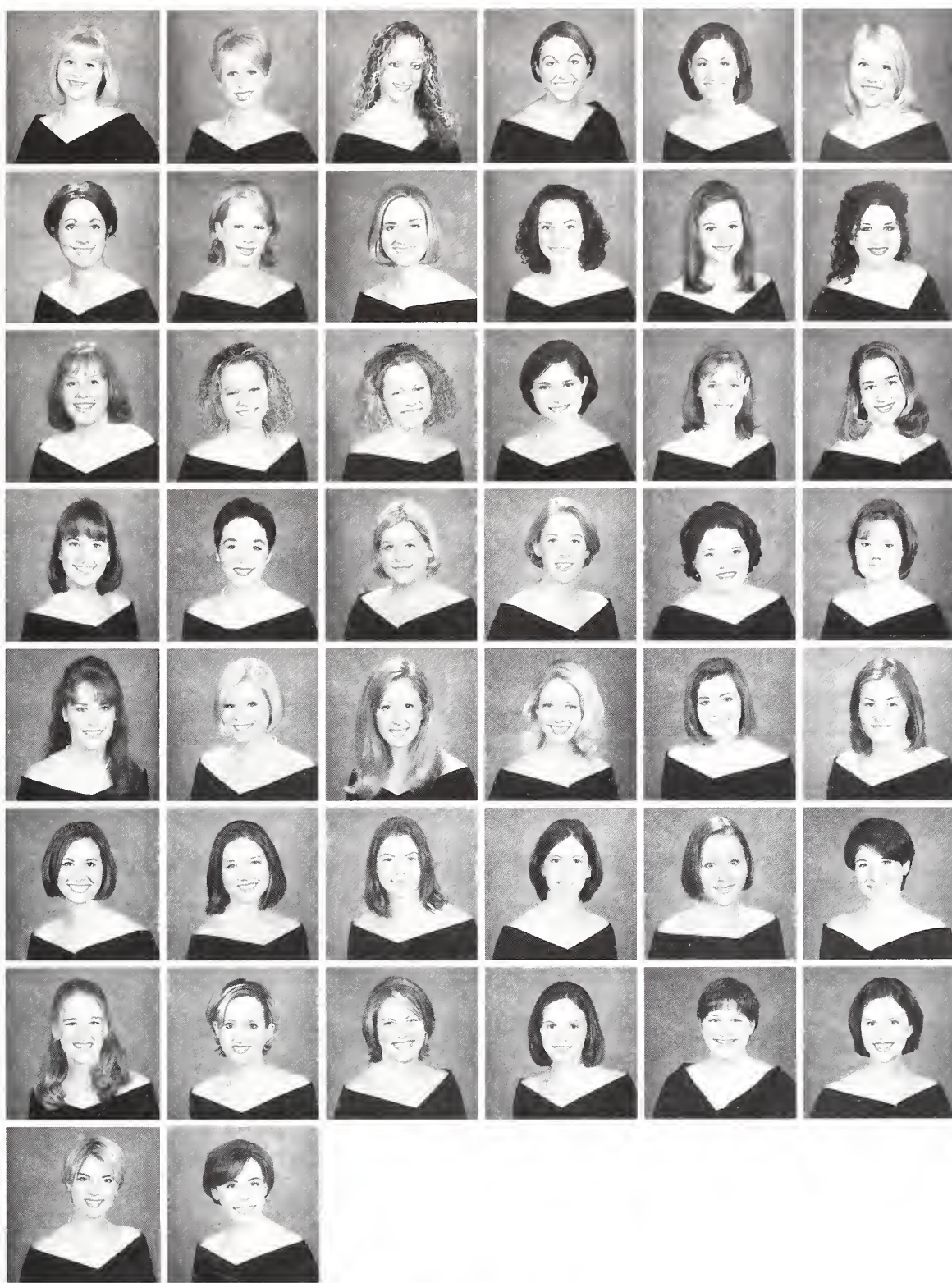


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Laura McShane
Beth Moore





Aimee Morgan
Allison Morgan
Brandi Morrison
Amanda Murray
Natosha Myers
Tianni Nicholson

Kristin O'Connor
Tara Packer
Christy Pearce
Angelle Peltier
Michele Perilloux
Nicole Pierpoint

Rachel Quinlivan
Alicia Randazzo
Ashlie Randazzo
Catherine Reilly
Katie Richaud
Adrienne Robichaux

Ashley Sanford
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Laura Saylors
Barat Schexnaildre
Katie Scruggs
Amanda Sims

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Ashlee Taylor
Elanor Thames
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Michelle Thiel
Ashley Thompkins
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Jamie Tregre
Melissa Trouard
Carrie Turnage

Jennifer Lynn Varner
Sherry Walker
Jennifer Walle
Jessica Walters
Emily Weatherly
Amber Williamson

Leigh Anne Wilson
Bridget Yost

from the inside

“Even though I joined this sorority partly to meet people, party and just have a good time, the main attraction of Pi Beta Phi was the friendship, sisterhood and over all human kindness of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity.”
Beth Moore

ΠΚΑ

by Terrelle Hubbard

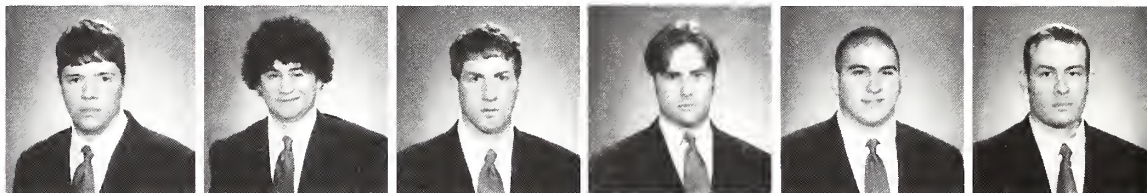
The men of Pi Kappa Alpha were founded nationally on March 1, 1868. They were installed at USM on December 10, 1949 and have continued to pursue high levels of success.

Pikes are active in many campus and community organizations. You can find a Pi Kappa Alpha in Southern Style, Student Alumni Association, Order of Omega, and many others. The men also participate in various philanthropic events throughout the year.

Pi Kappa Alpha's are also known for their many social events held throughout the year. From Founder's Day to Spring Parties, there is never a dull moment.

These Pikes know that they will not only be friends, but brothers for a lifetime.

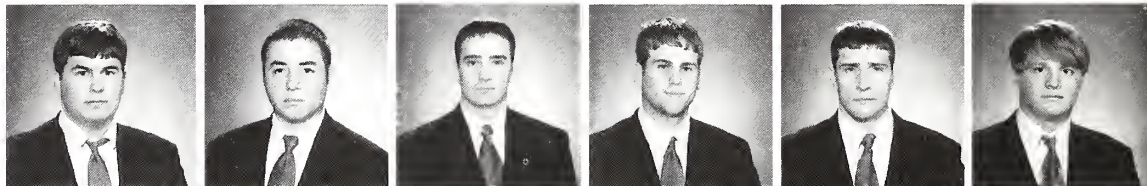
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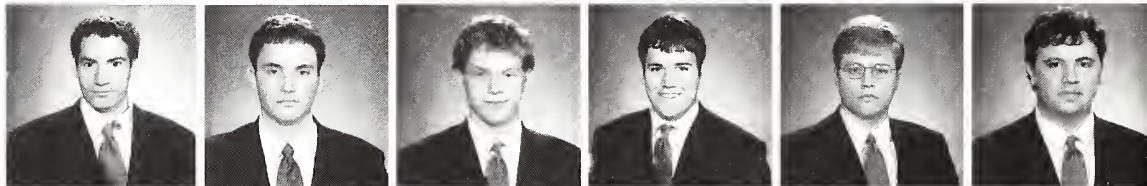
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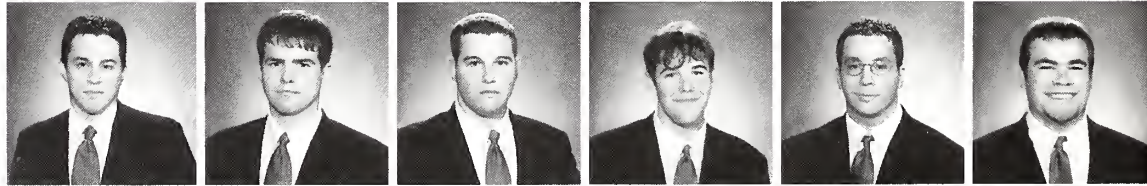
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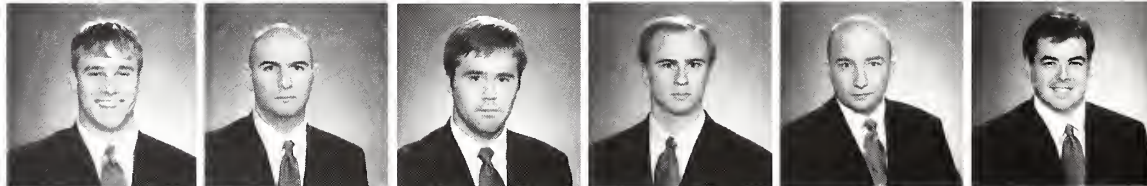
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David Simmons
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Clay Stoddard
Justin Stroud
Kelly Swanzy
Stephen Theobald





Taylor Trochesser
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Drew Welch

from the inside

“ Being a member of Pi Kappa Alpha has given me tons of opportunities and friendships. I know that these guys will always be willing to lend a hand whenever I need help. ”

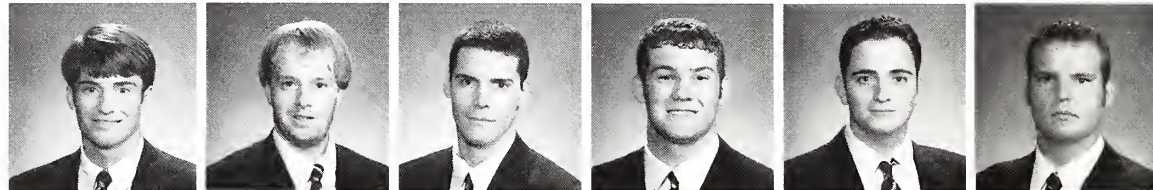
Josh Schutts

ΣΑΕ

by Terrelle Hubbard

The men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon strive to be the best that they can be in every aspect of their lives. ΣΑΕ's have prided themselves on making good grades, raising money for worthwhile causes and having fun. Their leadership abilities shine through on campus as these men are involved in a variety of campus organizations. The men are involved in SGA, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Southern Style and various other campus organizations. From philanthropies to parties, these men excel in all areas.

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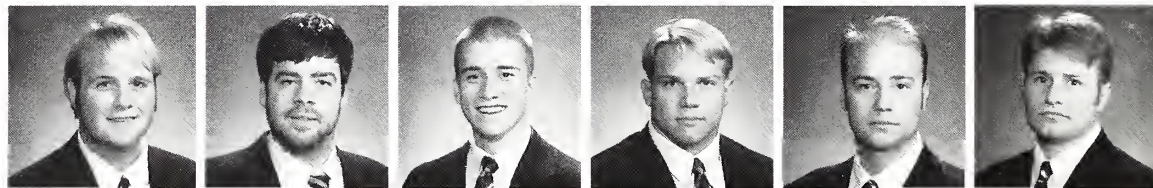
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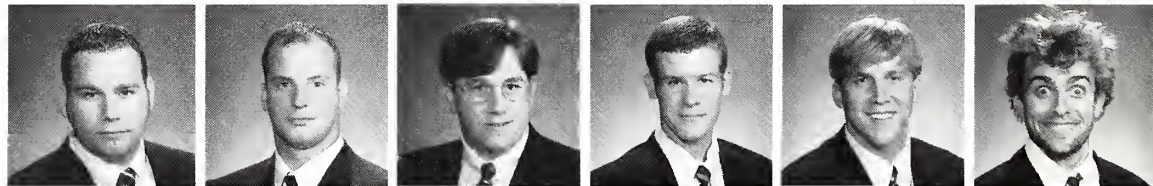
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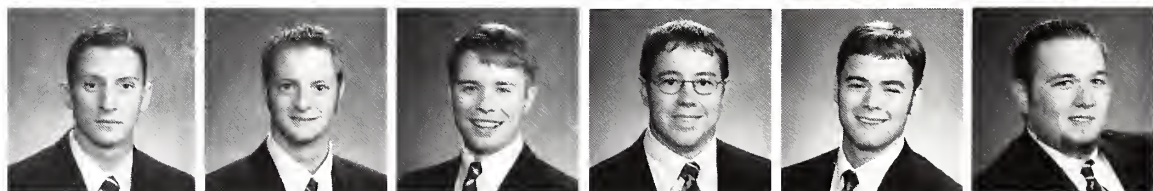
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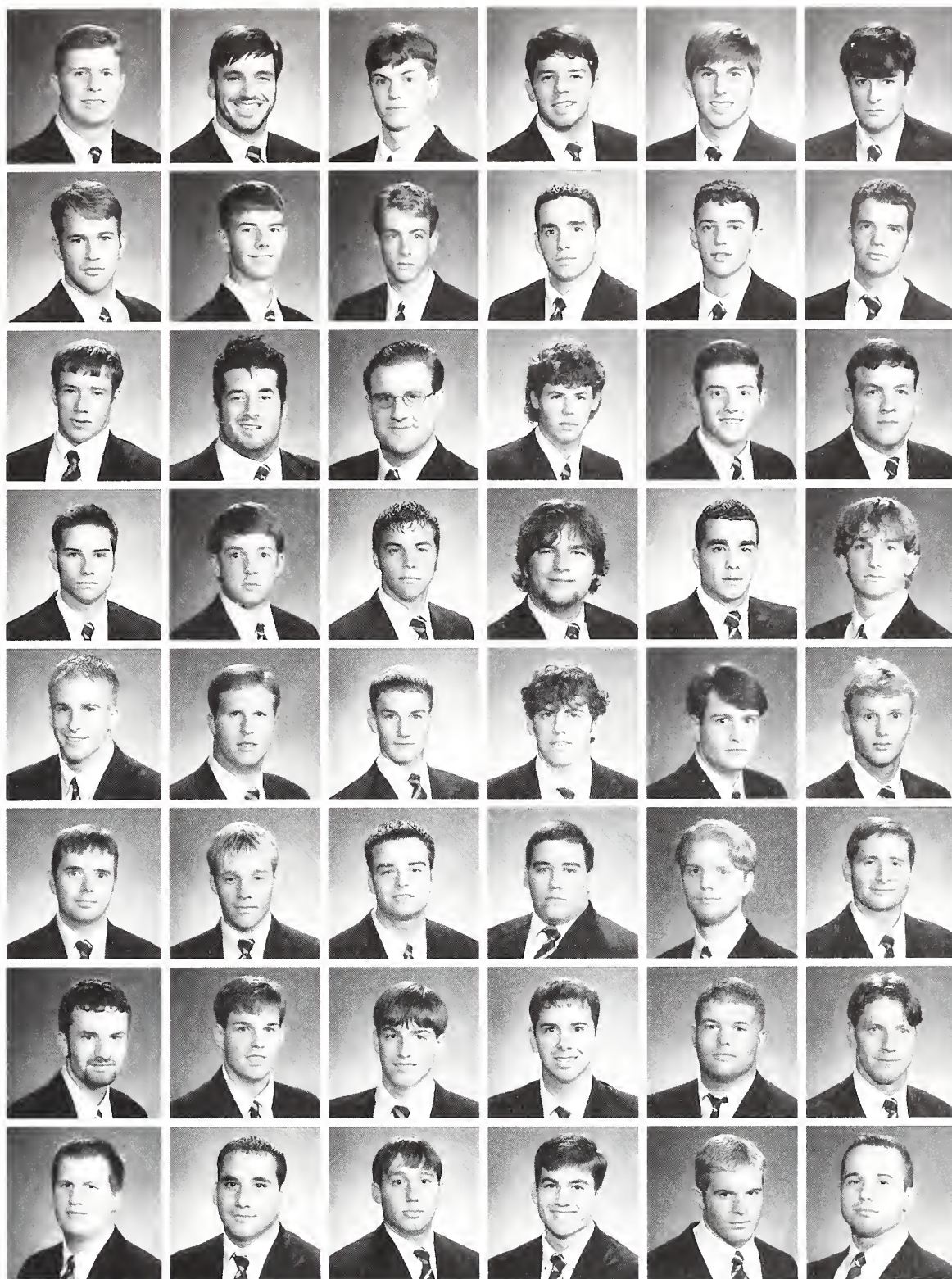


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Charles Ryals
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Buddy Schilling

Jeb Seal
Drew Siders
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Bobby Smithhart
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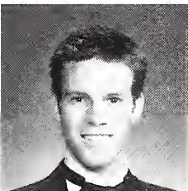
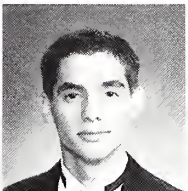
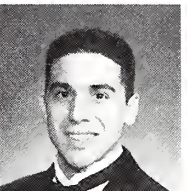
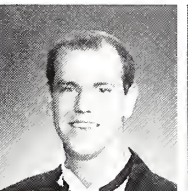
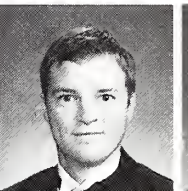

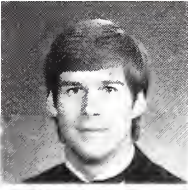
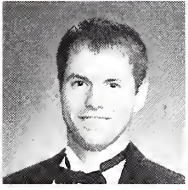

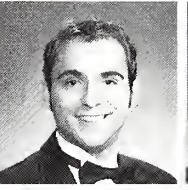
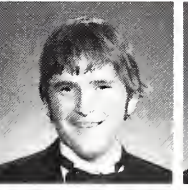

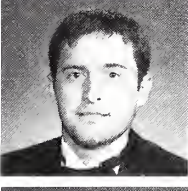
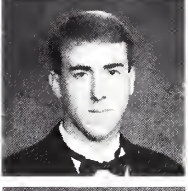
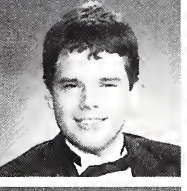
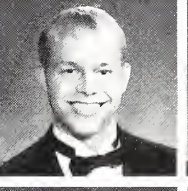
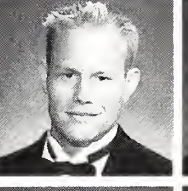

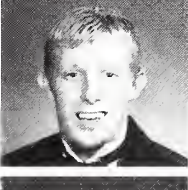
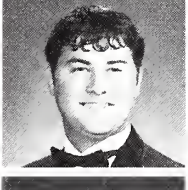
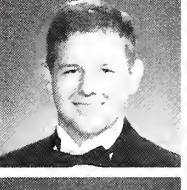
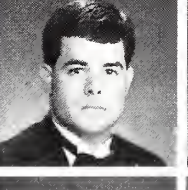
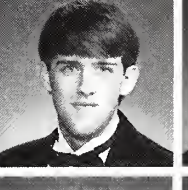

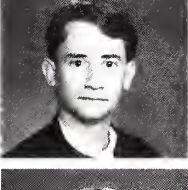
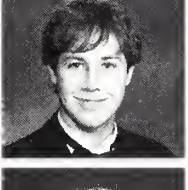
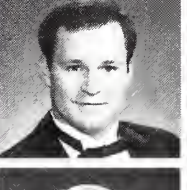



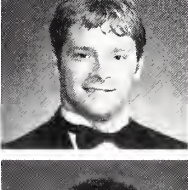


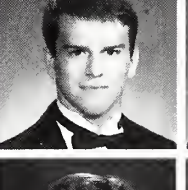
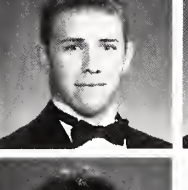






“Life in Σ AE is full of great opportunities. Not only have I had the chance to meet new people, but I have also been privileged to serve as president. Σ AE's love to party, like any other college students, but we also know the importance of excelling in academics, leadership, and brotherhood.”

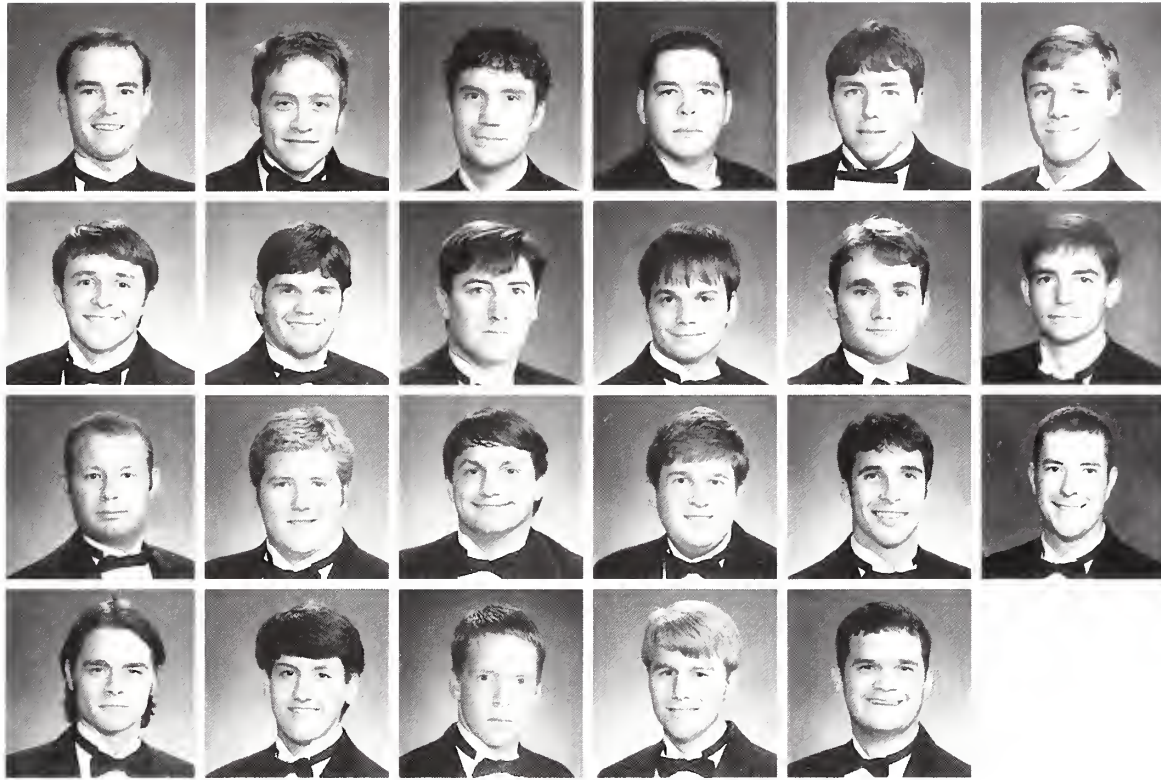
Chris McDonald

ΣΧ

by Kelly Comstock

The men of Sigma Chi stand out on campus because they set both high standards and goals. Rush proved to be a successful endeavor for the men of the White Cross. Their main philanthropy, Derby Days, was also a huge success. With the help of sororities on campus, the men were able to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. The men of Sigma Chi strive to excel in philanthropy, leadership, scholarship, and brotherhood. Although the men work hard to achieve their goals, they also find time for socializing. The annual Pat O'Brian's Christmas Party, Yacht Club, and Alumni Golf tournament were great ways for the brothers to build on their lasting friendships.

Jason Acuff						
Charles Allo IV						
Paul Bacuzzi						
Brad Baggett						
Jason Bailey						
Joey Beattie						
Will Blount						
Jason Bounds						
Trevor Brown						
Sam Burke						
Ricky Burris						
Chris Carter						
Lin Carter						
Jeremy Cooper						
Brent Corley						
Laughton Crout						
Jacob Crout						
Kevin Cuevas						
Chad Davis						
Matt Duckworth						
Dave Edwards						
John Mark Edwards						
Chad Eron						
Josh Frady						
Scott Fontenette						
Ryan Frederic						
Jeffrey Graham						
Justin Grant						
Brett Haddox						
Ryan Hall						
Justin Harrison						
Chad Hudson						
Chan Humphreys						
Jarrod Jackson						
Bo Jeffares						
Michael Key						
Robert Lambert						
Scott Lanehart						
Jay Losset						
Josh Lowery						
Todd Maddox						



Chris Mayfield
Brian McPherson
Aubrey Mitchell
Robbie Moore
Joseph Oubre
Todd Palmer

Lee Parish
Steven Rankin
Josh Rawls
John Reid
Gates Riley
Kyle Smith

Matt Thomas
Adam Todd
Trey Truitt
Blaine Tyrone
Brett Weidman
Dudly Westbrook

Jason Westbrook
Jack Williams
Chris Woodward
Samuel Wright
Justin Yard

from the inside

“I first joined Sigma Chi for the social aspects of the fraternity. However, as time passed, I felt a part of something more. Not only did Sigma Chi’s beliefs and ideals coincide with mine, but the fraternity became my second family.”

Jason Acuff

“We strive to present a positive image on campus while being scholars, athletes, leaders, and gentlemen. Most of all, we have a lot of fun in the process.”

Charlie Allo

ΣΓΡ

by Chasidy Madison

The Eta Tau Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. strives forward by living up to its founding motto: "Greater Service, Greater Progress".

These ladies have taken a great interest in scholastic and community programs. This year the sorority sponsored its second annual Financial Educational Program: "Do You Want to be Debt Free?" a.k.a. "Balla on a Budget". During the spring semester, Sigma Gamma Rho hosted its second annual Health Fair in the Student Union.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority annually participates in community service projects such as Mississippi Habitat For Humanity, Friends of Big Brothers/Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, and Helping Hands Mission. Other community events that the sorority has participated in include the annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by UAC and "Trick or Treat" on Greek Street.

Aside from other numerous achievements, the Eta Tau Chapter was the recipient of the "Chapter of the Year Award" and the "Perfect Attendance Award" from the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is very proud of its accomplishments both on and off campus and will continue to strive for excellence in the years to come.

Xorica Adams
Yalonda Jackson
Chasidy Madison
Cassandra Redmond
Igenea Williams



from the inside

“We do philanthropy work not only in the community, but also on campus. However, we do know how to incorporate fun into our schedules. For example, this year we had a Date Auction that let everyone take a break from their studies to have a few laughs.”

Chasidy Madison



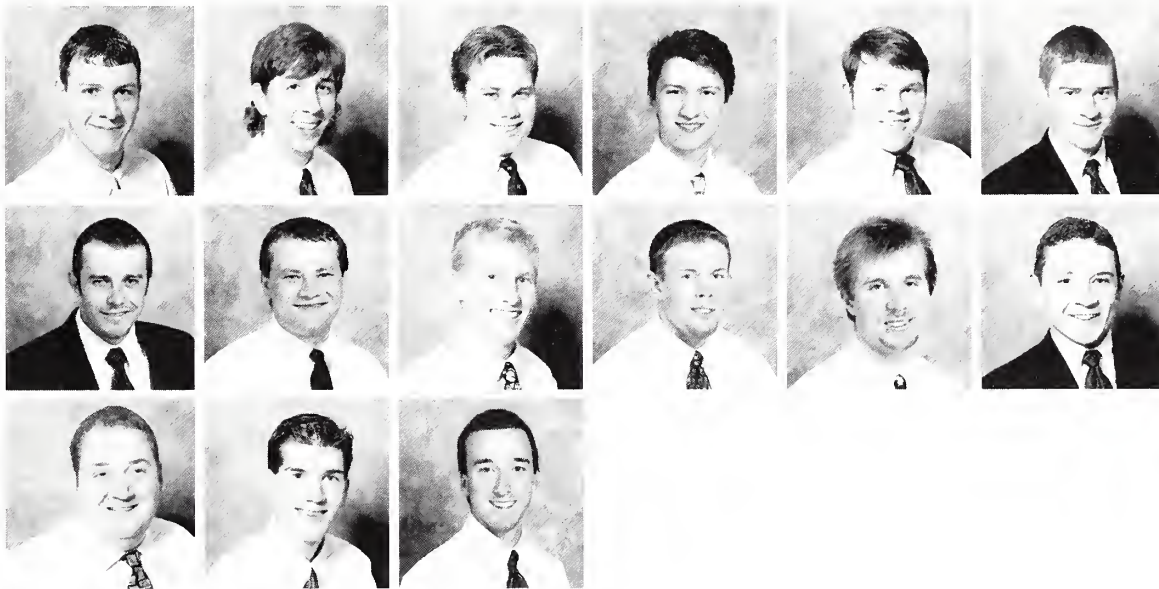
by Sam Simmons

Sigma Nu, the only fraternity founded against hazing, was chartered on the University of Southern Mississippi campus in 1969. The only honor fraternity on campus, Sigma Nu provides its brothers with a foundation of support for a well-rounded university education.

A simple creed guides the fraternity to strive to live to die with honor. The men of Sigma Nu guide their lives on three cardinal principles; love, truth, and honor. All members are voted in unanimously by the brothers of the fraternity and a pledge that receives a bid knows that every member of the chapter wants him as a brother for life.

Sigma Nu's philanthropy is Saint Jude's Hospital for children. Every year a bike-a-thon is hosted called Sigma Nu 3000. This bike-a-thon combines hard work and fun to raise money to fight pediatric diseases. This year the chapter raised over \$1200 while logging over 3000 laps around Reed Green Coliseum. At the same time, they spend their time and effort helping other fraternities and sororities in their philanthropy efforts as well.

The brothers of Sigma Nu also find time to fit in many social events throughout the year. From Thursday night parties to their annual Christmas Formal, Sigma Nu's know how to have fun.



Tommy Adcox
Sammy Broodhead
David Paul Carby
Derek Dorman
Christopher Ferguson
Paul Fox

Matthew George
Stephen Harrison
Kenny Lee
John Ryals
Jason Scrimshire
Kelly Shipp

Chris Starnes
Matthew Stubbs
John Zimmer

from the inside

“Sigma Nu provides me with strong brotherhood that I can't find anywhere else. I know that I can be myself around my brothers.”
Kenny Cheramie

ΣΦΕ

by Chris Miller

The Mississippi Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon bases its brotherhood on the concept of the Balanced Man, that an individual should be both "spirit healthy" and "body healthy". Though this idea was developed by the Greeks centuries ago, the value of balance is as alive as ever. This chapter has proven that a dedicated group of individuals striving for common goals can accomplish anything.

Sig Ep captured the All-University Intramural championship this past year while at the same finishing second for highest grade point average among Greek fraternities. In addition to supporting numerous charitable causes hosted by other student organizations, Sigma Phi Epsilon held its annual date auction and Sandblast Volleyball tournament to benefit Hattiesburg nonprofit organizations. Members are involved in all types of campus activities and are consistently recognized for their contributions. A quote by Aristotle describes the doctrine of ΣΦΕ: "We are what we habitually do. Excellence, then, is not merely an act, but a habit."

Richie Amsworth
Chris Alfonso
Keith Bernard
Brian Berthea
Ryan Braun
Lance Brown



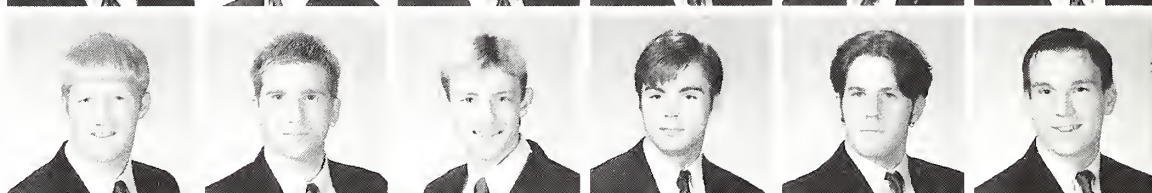
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Matthew Carter
Carlo Celesi
Felix Cheita
Jason Cooley



Ryan Curry
Andrew Dollar
Greg Fischer
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Dylan Hitl
Joseph Holland
Brian Holmes
David Kremser
Brian Lowe



Brandon Marlier
Richard Marrero
Nicholas McCray
Chris Miller
Joseph Moll
John Murphy



Jarrod Murray
Matthew Patton
Arthur Reed
Paul Reggio
Brad Rukes
Brad Satterwhite



Drew Sartin
Eric Shultz
Stephen Slumker
Jake Smith
Tony Terranova
Zach Thomas





Ryan Thompson
Paul Wiebelt
Christopher Wood

from the inside

“I like the sense of close personal friendships that Sig Ep has to offer. It’s great being a part of a fraternity that has less members, but never settles for less in achievements.”
Lance Brown

“Sigma Phi Epsilon provides more to me than just unwavering friendship. My brothers continually challenge my physical, emotional, and intellectual performance on campus and in life.”
Drew Sartin



by Tracey Lott

The Mu Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was established on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi on July 27, 1975. Since establishment, collegiate sorors have participated in various community service and philanthropy projects. This sorority is committed to being a torch for political, economical, and educational change within American society.

Maria Ammons
Tanetta Anderson
Ayanna Batiste
Stacy Brown
Christie Brumfield
Felicia Burns
Detrius Byrd



Caty Carter
Delecia Carter
Sametra Chisolm
Fedrika Cowley
Jaleanda Davis
Desirae Dillon
Darrion Derman



Azeeka Dunigan
Nicole Fuller
Alisha Hammond
Stacey Harris
Latoya Hart
Nina Hayes
Deatrice Jackson



Jamika Jackson
Artrina Jenkins
Kina Johnson
Kesha Jones
April Lawson
Vija Lee
Lauren Lizana



Tracey Lott
Alicia Magee
Jemina McCarter
Kimberly McKenzie
Shondra McMillian
Nicole Morgan
Rahsaan Myles



Zakiya Palmer
Angela Patterson
Leigh-Angele Peters
Kimuatta Reese
Rashun Robinson
Sabrina Rogers
Kristi Scott



Valerie Scott
Kendra Shell
Tiffany Simpson
Tammy Sloan
Pamala Stamps
Stephanie Sterling
Monica Stinson



Jamila Stovall
Michelle Sullivan
Alecia Taylor
Lucina Taylor
Tracy Wesley
Jahmeela Weston
Marilyn Williams



from the inside

“The sisterhood in Delta Sigma Theta is the single best thing about being in a sorority. Between sorority sisters, there is a bond created from sharing the same experiences, and it takes a lot to break it.”

Angela Patterson

“Finer women doing finer things” is a self-proclaimed motto that the ladies of the Lambda Theta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority live by.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded Jan. 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University by five determined women under the inspiration of three distinguished men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Wishing to depart from the traditional definitions for black women and establish ideals of scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood, Zeta Phi Beta has maintained its individuality and actively promoted the principles which the organization was based on.

Service is a very important aspect to the ladies who grace the colors of the royal blue and white. Not only service to the USM campus, but the city as a whole. Earlier this year, Project Z.I.P. (Zetas Investing in People) was an example of just that. Incorporating community service and educational programs, it provided interaction between the USM community and the city.

Zeta Phi Beta believes that to reach desired goals, you must not forget where you came from. This is one reason why Zetas regularly interact with the community in ongoing projects with Hattiesburg Convalescent Center, Adopt-A-Highway, Salvation Army, and regularly scheduled chapter Sunday service to a variety of local churches. Also, the sorority interacts with youth through their auxillary group of junior and high school aged young women, the Archonettes.

Zeta Phi Beta has made many successful strides and continues to blaze a path for the future. Since the beginning, the sorority has influenced the lives of women and communities everywhere, with over 700 graduate and collegiate chapters.



Sharonda Dottery
Teresa Hines
Aisha Lewis
Samantha Parks
Tiffany Verrett
Vicki Walker

from the inside

“The qualities that made me consider being a Zeta were the way that they carried themselves, their unique beliefs, their principles and goals and the way they wanted to better the community as whole.”

Aiesha Lewis

“By being a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. I have had the unique experience of learning a lot about USM and certain policies that have been set forth. I have also been able to make an impact on the campus through student recruitment and organizations.”

Raechelle Braxton



by Stacy Littlepage

The ladies of the Phi Epsilon Chapter of Delta Delta Delta build their strength and motivation from their motto, "Let us steadfastly love one another." This strong sense of sisterhood was felt by all the 35 new members Tri Delta initiated this year. With 138 members, Delta Delta Delta is the largest sorority on campus.

Fall and Spring semesters are packed with fun and exciting events for the Tri Deltas. These include Crush Party, Parent's Picnic, Initiation, Founder's Day, Stars and Crescents Ball, Dolphin Daze, and Apple Polishing Party. With all these activities, Tri Delta still maintained a 3.34 GPA and kept the prestigious Aubrey K. Lucas Award for the eighth straight semester.

Members are involved in organizations ranging from Dixie Darlings to Campus Crusade for Christ to Southern Style. The Tri-Deltas were also well represented on the 1999 Homecoming Court by Nicole Walker, Susan Sullivan, and Susan Moak.

Tri Deltas will always remain loyal and dedicated to the ideals of the fraternity and strive for the best.

Jill Abernathy
Jennifer Adcock
Amy Anderson
Caron Atteberry
Kelly Ayers
Kelly Barnhill

Karyn Barrett
Jennifer Barton
Kelly Beckett
Emily Berner
Beth Blanchard
Sarah Bonner

Bethany Boone
Rebecca Boudreaux
Kate Bourne
Leigh Ann Bozeman
Rollyn Brantly
Christi Brinkley

Amy Brown
Amy Buckner
Heddie-Logan Carville
Aaryn Cash
Christy Cetodal
Nicole Cessna

Jennifer Clark
Nicole Coco
Sara Covington
Ashley Curtis
Diane Daggett
April Davis

Elizabeth Dickerson
Trista Dickerson
Lisa Domingue
Elizabeth Durham
Allison Dyess
Erica Faust

Farrah Fayard
Emily Fontan
Ellen Forshag
Beth Francis
Lyndi Fusilier
Michal Gass





Tracy Gilmer
Brittany Gore
Ashley Gremillion
Katie Henson
Suzanne Hicks
Amie Hill

Katie Hinkle
Dina Holifield
Traci Holmes
Linday Hopper
Heather Howell
Makalah Ingram

Katie Jenks
Rachel Kennedy
Catie Kent
Erin Lahr
Melissa Latimer
Katie Lee

Noelle Lehmann
Rachel Lemoine
Stacy Littlepage
Jessi Loflin
Sarah Page Logan
Jamie Luby

Lauren Mahoney
Kristina Marques
Laura Martin
Jennifer Mateer
Brandi Mayhall
Cara McGuffe

Lori Meadows
Georgia Michelli
Camille Millet
Susan Moak
Lacey Moore
Amanda Morgan

Mendy Myers
Tiffany Myers
Elizabeth Nichols
Valerie Ogden
Lizzy Place
Whitney Palmer

Michelle Peltier
Kristie Pickett
Elizabeth Porter
Carrie Pokretke
Joy Poole
Kayla Procell

Heather Ramsey
Shelley Reeves
Beth Richards
Rebecca Richards
Jennifer Richardson
Lori Riegler

Amy Riehlmann
Rachel Rogers
Gretchen Roth
Sarah Scarle
Aimee Scott
Samantha Simmons

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Lorin Singletary
Shay Singley
Jill Smith
Rebecca Smith
Michelle Snow
Pamela Standridge



Bonny Stanton
Susanna Stringer
Alyson Strong
Laura Strong
Susan Sullivan
Julie Summers



Marion Swain
Lori Tieperman
Ashley Tremmel
Kelly Tumlin
Nikki Tumlison
Esther Turner



Kimberly Villarreal
Jennie Waguespack
Jamie Walker
Nicole Walker
Michelle Walters
Anna West



Melissa Whiddon
Johnell Wieniewitz
Laurie Wilburn
Paige Williamson
Amanda Zahn



from the inside

“Initiation is one of the most special times in the life of any sorority member. Being initiated into Tri-Delta allowed me to learn the rituals, legends, and ideals upon which we were founded and that have been passed on since our founding.”
Rebecca Boudreaux

“I have always heard that your best friends are made in college, and I never knew how true this was until I pledged Tri-Delta. Through my sorority, I have made some of my closest friends, and know that these friendships will last, not only through college, but for the rest of my life.”
Esther Turner

XΩ

by Jane Griffin

The ladies of the Epsilon Delta chapter of Chi Omega celebrated fifty years on Southern Miss's campus last April. Since the founding of the Epsilon Delta chapter in 1949, the ladies of Chi Omega continue to live by the high standards set forth by the chapter's founding members.

The fall semester marked the start of another exciting year for the ladies of Chi Omega. With the addition of 34 outstanding new members at the conclusion of Fall Rush, Chi Omegas were eager to begin the semester's fun-filled activities. Chi Omega found great success in this year's "Derby Days" philanthropy hosted by the men of Sigma Chi. Chi Omega won first place in Sigma Chi's Chorus Line Dance Competition as well as the overall award for spirit and participation. Chi Omega has reigned as intramural champions for the past several years as well..

On top of all the campus activities Chi Omegas are involved in during the fall, there is still time for sisterhood activities and social events. Pledge Retreat, Sisterhood Retreat, Blind Date, and our Christmas Party are just a few of the social highlights for Chi Omega ladies.

The ladies of Chi Omega look forward to bringing continued success to the deserving ladies of the Epsilon Delta.



Valerie Albritton
Sara Bailey
Rebecca Balazik
Kimberly Ball
Lauren Banks
Erin Boudreaux

Katie Bridgers
Alison Bryant
Erin Buchwald
Heather Buckley
Angela Bulman
Mandy Bullman

Angie Cagle
Trishelle Cannatella
Laura Carruba
Amber Caston
Jenny Crawford
Katie Chance

Jessyca Chapman
Michelle Chauvin
Nicole Chelette
Kelly Comstock
Casey Copers
Keri Cothorn

Mandi Cowart
Casey Davis
Jennifer Fisher
Amanda Flaccomio
Annelise Flesher
Angela Fortenberry

Nicole Fortenberry
Amy Frye
Erin Fulkerson
Heather Garanto
Deanna Grant
Joanna Graves

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Angela Gray
Erin Gray
Lindsay Green
Cassie Greshaw
Jane Griffin
Lori Hale



Jill Hamilton
Sarah Heath
Marty Hester
Lauren Hillman
Andee Hinton
Casey Holley



Lisa Hurst
Katie Jack
Heather Jenkins
Stephanie Jobs
Reagan Johnson
Cassidy Kemp



Hannah Kerns
Keri Kilpatrick
Amanda King
Summer Langston
Kate Lindsey
Denise Lovoy



Jenny Mangum
Natalie Mann
Brooke Martin
Kate McArthur
Leigh McArthur
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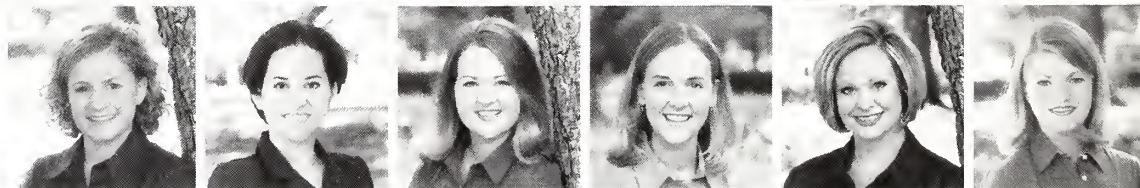
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Jill Miller



Megan Miller
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Melanie Moseley
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Kristen Nunez



Katie O'Neal
Jessica Patterson
Angela Peavy
Sarah Peavy
Angela Phillips
Amy Prestridge





Lergh Prestridge
Lissa Pruett
Brittany Reid
Katherine Ricks
Marie Rougelot
Jennifer Rouse

Erin Royal
Robin Rusk
Carrie Seal
Brook Simmerman
Meagan Smith
Elizabeth Spadatora

Tessa Spiers
Gretchen Spring
Summer Stacy
Misty Summer
Sheri Swager
Galey Tatum

Jessica Taylor
Shannon Taylor
Autumn Temple
Stephanie Temple
Brittany Thames
Malisha Turk

Jenny Turnage
Nicole Tyler
Candace Wade
Scottie Wade
Erin Walden
Lyn Walls

Azlyn Ward
Beth Ann Watson
Jenna West
Celeste Wheat
Carley Williams
Keely Williams

Stacey Wilkes
Wendy Williams
Jennifer Williamson
Raegan Winland

from the inside

“Chi Omega has given me so many opportunities, memories, and lifelong friendships. It has been the cornerstone of my college experience. I am truly proud to be a part of such a dynamic group of young women.”
Jennifer Rouse

ΠΚΦ

by Meinrad F. Laug III

Founded on December 10, 1904 at the College of Charleston, Pi Kappa Phi has made amazing strides to be America's Leading Fraternity by 2004. Pi Kappa Phi has won many awards nationally for their philanthropy and scholarship programs. Push America is the national philanthropy that is run by their national office, designed to serve those people with developmental disabilities. The largest fundraiser for Push America is the Journey of Hope, which is a bike trek across the nation in the effort to raise awareness for the developmentally challenged.

The Journey Project is the name of the award winning scholarship program that is designed to give brothers a chance to excel in time management and leadership techniques.

The Theta Alpha chapter was chartered on April 24, 1999. These 43 founding fathers have worked hard in not only gaining a charter but also working on being the Ideal Chapter. The Pi Kapps at Southern Miss have almost doubled their membership through a successful rush this past year.

The Theta Alpha Chapter, in their short existence, has won many awards. Over the summer, the Southern Miss chapter was awarded the Red Rose plaque, which is given to the chapter that has doubled the funds raised for Push America. Jared Hopkins also recieved Archon of the Year, which is given to a chapter president that exemplifies superior leadership abilities.

Tommy Adams
Justin Allen
Robby Benson
Patrick Brien
Clint Brown
Ben Bryan

Greg Carraway
Scott Cathey
Joe Clark
David-Paul Daigle
Stephen Dietz
Ashley Edwards

Josh Etheridge
Chris Evans
Tony Garcia
Jim Gibson
Stirlin Hancock
Johnathan Huguley

Lamar Hickman
Chris Johnson
Adam Kelly
Daniel Kertis
Matt Lang
Meinrad Lang, III

Chad Langley
Christian Marrione
Christer Matthews
John Matthews
Aaron Miscally
Brant Pettis

Stephen Prewitt
Adam Ray
Todd Sibley
Jason Skremetti
Timothy Smith
Baine Sudbeck





Ronnie Tynes
Kyle Thompson
Wade Walker
Brooks Werkheiser
Seth Willison

from the inside

“The newness of the fraternity, along with the challenge of being able to charter our own destiny and control our fate, is what attracted me to Pi Kappa Phi.”

Patrick Brien

KAΘ

by Laura Mabry

Kappa Alpha Theta was founded in 1870 at Asbury College in Indiana as the first Greek letter fraternity known among women. This year the members of the Zeta Psi chapter celebrated their first year as a chartered sorority at USM.

Thetas enjoy spending time helping their community. They can be found volunteering with the children at Pinehaven and with the Salvation Army. They also support the Greek community by participating in philanthropy events such as Derby Days and Songfest. However, the charity closest to Thetas' heart is their own philanthropy, CASA. Social events allow Thetas to take a break from the hectic schedule of college life. Their Halloween Bash, swaps and sisterhood retreats let them relax and bond with each other.

The members of KAΘ work hard to bring out the best in womanhood, including social, intellectual and moral growth. They are proud to consider themselves not only friends, but sisters.

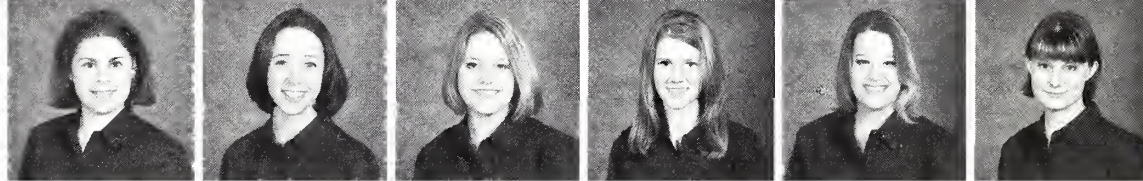
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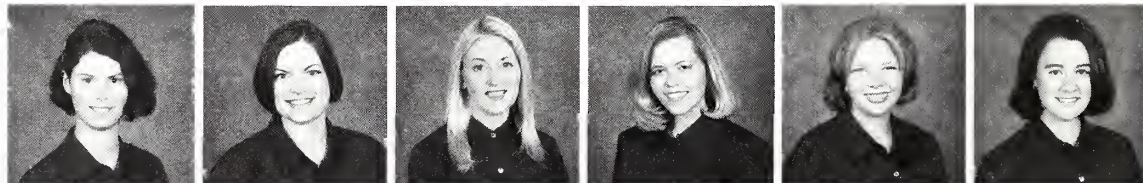
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Laura Mabry



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Aimee Parker





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Amy Pritchard
Michelle Reid
Heather Roundtree
Coral Sheehan
Stephanie Smith

Nicole Spruill
Elizabeth Villarrubia
Pepper Weed
Juanita Weinburg
Amy Whitehead
Billie Jean Whitehead

from the inside

“Kappa Alpha Theta is my second family away from home and not only that, but we all share a strong bond with sisterhood. Being in a sorority has also helped me enhance my leadership skills and to grow as a person by being involved on the campus as well as in the community.”

Mandy McFall

“When Theta was chartered at USM, I saw the opportunity to be a part of something wonderful and enhance my college experience as well. When I leave USM, I can look back and say that I was a part of something that I will treasure for years to come.”

Alexis Hankins

TKE

by Johnathan Blanchard

Tau Kappa Epsilon requires its members to be men of sterling character and staunch uprightness, living by the principles of love, charity, and esteem upon which the fraternity was founded.

TKE seeks to aid college men in mental, moral, and social development, and puts strong emphasis on the character and individuality of its members, the hallmark of our fraternity.

In its short fourteen years here at USM, the Pi Psi chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has been continuously active in several areas of philanthropy, including the Salvation Army, the Special Olympics, and the YMCA. TKE's involvement was recently recognized with the Outstanding Community Service Award for Fraternities.

The Tekes stay active socially as well, hosting several annual parties including Trick or Tek Halloween Bash, Smith and Jones, Tequila, and Shakahaole Spring Party.

A truly unique chapter at USM, the men of Pi Psi are committed to each other and to the community, constantly striving to obtain a higher degree of success.

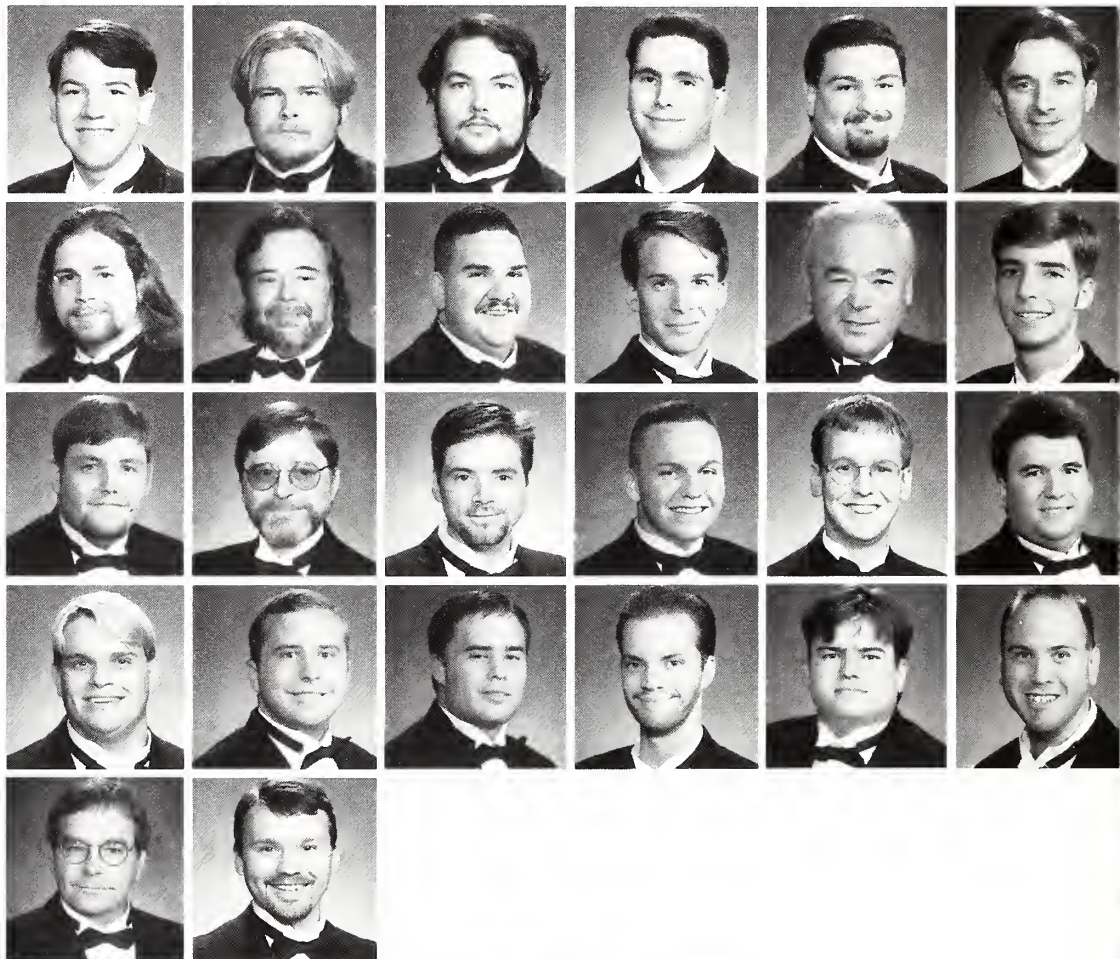
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Sean Savoie
Chris Simmons
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Daniel Tingstrom
Heath Wheeler



from the inside

“I joined Tau Kappa Epsilon not for the wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal growth and lifelong brotherhood.”
Christian Bailey



Pictured at top: At Delta Gamma's King Neptune, Phi Kappa Tau stole first place with their version of Michael Jackson's hit song, "Thriller". King Neptune is a dance competition that the fraternities participate in.

Pictured at right: These Rho Chi's take a break from Delta Delta Delta's Frats-at-Bat Softball Tournament to smile pretty for the camera. Frats-at-Bat is an annual event that takes Greeks to the ballpark.



Pictured at bottom: These Sigma Chi's are seated outside of the Hub during "Derby Days" trying raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Derby Days consist of a dance competition and various other service events.



by sam simmons

making a difference

The Greek system gives back to the campus and community



by sam simmons

in unison

Greeks joined together for Greek Week 2000



Greek Week has always been a hectic, but fun-filled week. This year's Greek Week 2000 was no different. There was a Greek Life Banquet to start the week off in which numerous awards were given out to the Greek groups. Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Phi Alpha both received the Aubrey K. Lucas Award for Highest GPA.

An added event this year, was the addition of an All-Greek Step Show. The fraternities and sororities were paired up into teams for the week. Each team performed their step sequence at AKA's philanthropy IVY Day. Stepper Carrie Pokrefke of Tri-Delta said, "The step show was a good chance for all the Greeks to come together for a philanthropic purpose and have fun at the same time."

The combination of AKA's IVY Day and Greek festivities made for an awesome combination. "I enjoyed participating in AKA's philanthropy, it was fun to volunteer and to be with my brothers," claims ATΩ member Greg DiVincent.

Campus spirit was also apparent during the week-long festivities. One day was declared "Black and Gold Day", in which all the groups dressed from head to toe in Southern Miss spirit. Greeks also watched a USM Baseball game and the annual spring football scrimmage.

Greek Week 2000 was a huge success thanks to the massive participation by all the fraternities and sororities. LaTesha Norwood of ΔΣΘ says, "I really enjoyed the Greek Week events. It was nice to see all the organizations working and playing together."

Opposite Page: These Phi Beta Sigma's and Tri-Delta's get together after their step show performance for a group picture. Greeks were paired together for Greek Week and each team performed a step sequence.

This Page, Top: Greek Week 2000 left plenty of time for fraternities and sororities to get together and have some fun. Delta Sigma Thetas show us how to do the hula hoop. The week had plenty of opportunities for groups to do wacky stuff.

This Page, Bottom: Several Alpha Kappa Alpha's and a Phi Mu show some Greek togetherness as they perform their step routine. Their performance was just one of many from the Greeks that kept the crowd captivated and wanting more.

Each Southern Eagle will look back on his or her days at USM fondly. Many of our memories will be of time spent participating in clubs and organizations. As club members, we did everything from sharing political views, to worshipping in prayer to creating opportunities for community service. The organizations that we were a part of reveal our varied interests, concerns and hobbies. Many of us will remain in touch with our fellow members for years to come, reflecting on times shared and lessons learned together. Being involved with a group of diverse people taught us about leadership, participation, commitment and service to others. But what we really gained was the one thing we weren't even looking for: friendship.



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Alpha Epsilon Delta



Left to Right: Melissa Mosely, Kim Pargeon, Arpna Vajpayee, Lori Hill, Josh Lott, Sherrikee Causey

Psi Chi



Left to Right: Shawanda Lewis, Priscilla Brown-Williamson, Betty Bise, Danny Burgess, Dannel Speights, Kelly White, Holly Mulholland, Dory Calderon, Daniel Tingstrom

Phi Sigma Pi



Left to Right: Mackenzie Rogers, Terrance McCelleis, Gabriel Radav, Grant Fairchild, Leslie Robinson, Katrina Coskie, Crystal Melton, Olivia Dellenger, Leslee Davis, Ashli Bonfiglio, April Crane, Laura Mabry, Mary Harvey, Nicole Davis, Ellen Glenn, Hope Lightsey, Stacey Macoy, Letha Honea, Pamela Moore, Shandra Griffin, Cory Matessino, Jennifer Fink, Sherrikee Causey, Zack Fordham, Shawn Hudson, Jann Tuten, Amanda Woodall, Paul, Shamburger, Corri Lincoln, LaTasha McBride

Sigma Lambda Chi



Left to Right: Reanell Eschette, Lance Richardson, Matt Bullock, Jason Fischer, Holly Dana, Patrick Camical, Brett Douchard, Jason Steed, Nicholas McIlwain, Tripp Bowie, Corey Maner, Carl Thronson, Kenny Speed, Benjamin Ulmer, Michael McDonald, Drew Lamberson, John Smalley, Benjamin Tarver

Entering the Millennium

*With Leadership, Fellowship,
Scholarship, and Service*

by Angela Patterson

Lambda Sigma is a national honor society for sophomore students who have been active leaders on campus and have maintained an overall GPA of 3.0 during their freshman year. As a result of Lambda Sigma's selective membership process, only about 40 members are chosen from approximately 300 applicants. Leadership, fellowship, scholarship, and service; these are the four elements that the Lambda Sigma Society works to promote through campus and community involvement.

The 45 members of the Alpha Delta Chapter have been involved in many different community service projects such as the Salvation Army Angel Tree, the efforts at Earl Travillion, and supporting a Red Cross Fire Family. Members of Lambda Sigma also take time to socialize with one another through programs on relationships and movie nights.

The time capsule project, Lambda Sigma's biggest event, will consist of the burial of a time capsule on campus filled with different items to represent the organization's past, present, and future. An invitation to participate in this project has been extended to many organizations so that all at Southern Miss can do something to commemorate the millennium.

Lambda Sigma Officers



Left to Right: Angela Patterson, Bobby Schroeder, Jamie Walker

Lambda Sigma



Lambda Sigma members take a break from their academic and community activities for a trip to the movies.

Lambda Sigma Honor Society



Left to Right: Bobby Schroeder, Jamie Walker, Angela Patterson, Lindsey Theobald, Stephen Prewitt, Monique Cunningham, Malisha Turk, Jacqueline Mitchell, Tiffany Thomas, Deanna Grant, Lezlie Moore, Rachel Kennedy, Blair Christian, LaKeshia Alexander, Summer Penton, Brandy Lamas, Susan Weldon, Devon Wesley, Mana Koskan, David-Paul Daigle, Rachel Delcambre, Lauren Pigott, Theresa Henton, Emily Berner, Lindsay Green, Emilie Taylor, Ashley Tullos, Myrle Tallman

Seniors



Left to Right: Kandace Steinlage, Kelly Wolfe, Denise Lovoy, Courtenay Hisaw, Leigh-Annelle Peters, Jessica Jackson, Heidi Morgan, Melissa Patterson

Juniors



Left to Right: Olivia Ard, Angela Phillips, Tracey Wesley, Heather Garnto, Kerri Alphonso, Kelly Beckett, Katie Walker, Julie Watkins, Cathy DuCote

Sophomores



Left to Right: Katie Hooke, Kelly McShane, Kari Magill, Stacy Hall, Angela Gray

Freshman



Left to Right: Malaika Anderson, Natalie Smith, Melissa Kilpatrick, Kristen Cameron, Amanda McGuffee, Azlyn Ward, Ashley Combs, Katie Lee

The Heart of Dixie

Dancing into the Hearts of Southern Miss

There are many campus organizations that bring instant recognition to the University of Southern Mississippi. Whether civic, academic, or athletic these groups of students enable alumni and others to relive fond memories. One group of ladies in particular has, over the decades; have gained national recognition as they cheer on the sidelines and dance during halftime at Southern Miss football games. They are the Dixie Darlings.

The job of a "darling" does not end in the field. Many of these young ladies put in hours of practice daily and take pride in their team. All darlings have dance experience, as advanced dance techniques are an integral part of their performances. These ladies also radiate confidence as they perform in front of hundreds in their audiences. This team is one that many do not hear much about, but according to the fans they have done more than they ever get credit for.

"Seeing these young ladies now reminds me of the better times in my life," remarked Mr. Phillip Davenport, referring to his days as a Southern Miss football player in the late 1960's. He is just one of the alumni who appreciate the never ending support of the Dixie Darlings. During the 1999 homecoming win many former darlings took to the field to perform and to show that those fortunate enough to become Dixie Darlings remain Darlings for life.

"Being a Darling is very rewarding in that one can meet others with similar interests and participate in the experience that is both fun and rewarding," said Tracy Wesley, a current Dixie Darling.

After attending a home game at the Rock anyone can see that Darlings love Southern Miss. That love is also returned from the fans and the team, as the Dixie Darlings touch all that experience Southern Miss.

1999-2000 Dixie Darlings



Left to Right: Denise Lovoy, Malaika Anderson, Kari Magill, Natalie Smith, Courtenay Hisaw, Olivia Ard, Angela Gray, Katie Hinkle, Kelly McShane, Kelly Wolfe, Kandace Steinlage, Stacy Hall, Kelly Beckett, Katie Lee, Melissa Kilpatrick, Kristen Cameron, Kerri Alphonso, Heather Garnto, Tracey Wesley, Angela Phillips, Jessica Jackson, Mrs. Karen Quarnstrom, Leigh-Annelle Peters, Heidi Morgan, Melissa Patterson, Amanda McGuffee, Azlyn Ward, Katie Walker, Julie Watkins, Cathy DuCote, Ashley Combs

Director



Mrs. Karen Quarnstrom

Captains



Left to Right: Denise Lovoy, Jessica Jackson, Melissa Patterson, Kelly Wolfe

Making It Happen

RHA dives into the millennium.

by LaTasha McBride

Every day over 3,000 students awake from their slumber throughout the 13 residence halls of the University of Southern Mississippi. The Residence Hall Association which is the official governing and programming body for these halls makes it their duty to provide a living environment that is much more than just a home away from home!

RHA is primarily a 2-sided organization. On one side there is the governing aspect which deals with the rules, regulations, and policies that outline the structure of our residence halls. On the other hand, there is the programming aspect which enables our RHA to interact and socialize with other groups from across the nation. Each year, RHA participates in conferences that enable them to bring new ideas to our campus.

The over 30 members that make up the Residence Hall Association spend countless hours planning and organizing events that would bring the 13 residence halls closer together. Whether its a carnival, road trip, or barbeque, RHA does its part in providing a fun and memorable campus experience.

Aside from making residence halls comfortable and enjoyable, RHA has a convenient multi-purpose activity center that is open to all students and staff. The activity center is equipped with a big-screen television, lounge, and meeting space. It is a great place for students to relax and unwind.

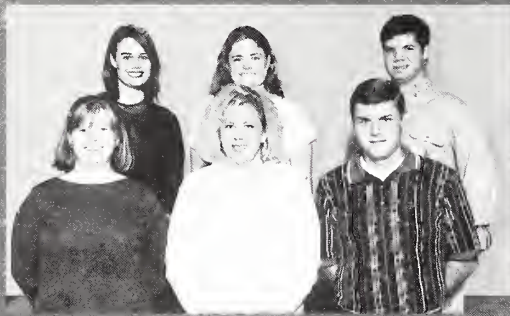
RHA is a very important aspect of campus life. It is a primary source that fosters relationships that will last a lifetime. The Residence Hall Association is definitely making it happen.

RHA Officers



Left to Right: Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., Lori Meshew, Demario Green, Cliff Jeffrey, Harkreader

Association of Baptist Students



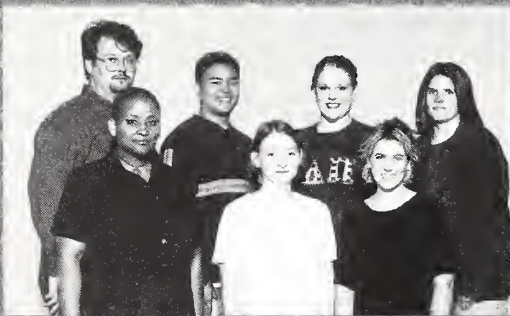
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Christian Nurses Association



Left to Right: Wanda Dubuisson, Susan Sisemore, Kimberly Zahn, Brandi Pierce, Faith Kennedy, Christine Brauner, Laura Carrubba, Brandy Washer, Michelle Armstrong, Cassidy Ganas

Medical Technology Club



Left to Right: Becky Mack, Vanessa Hodge, Vanesha Kelley, Tabatha Carrol, Robin Lee, Glen Agustin, Brian Dunston

Presbyterian Fellowship



Left to Right: Amy Roff, Christina Watters, Elizabeth Potin, Gretchen Rau, David Garraway, Kathryn Smith



*R*HA relaxes and cools off
at the Dive-In Movie.

RHA



Jon Coleman, Lisa Gandy, Erika Pernell, Stacy



Left to Right: Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., Lori Meshew, Demario Green, Cliff Jeffrey, Jon Coleman, John Smith, Amelia Carter, Najla Moore, Melinda Simmons, Stacy Harkreader, Katie Stone, Auyana Smith, Akim Ceaser, Casey Burk, Tracy Patrick, Taisha Washington, LaSonia Dedeaux, Russell Gray, Lisa Gandy, Cherrie Smith, Xzavier January, Kendall Willett, Colleen Methvin, Tiffany Clemmons, Erika Pernell, Eric Griffin

Alternate Leadership Lab



Left to Right: Portia Ball, Rachel Witt, Shawn Tillman, Shane Odom, Gary Rishel, William Britt, Sarah Breon

General Military Corps



Left to Right: John Northam, Dominic Cardella, Amanda Woodall, Lester Easley, Josh Carpenter, Sara Odom, Gwendolyn Bugg, Tabari Thomas, Christopher Buckley, Brent Holder, Edwin Jacquet, Adam Sencenbaugh

Professional Military Corps



Left to Right: Jerald Black, Demetrious Tillman, Shaloka Reed, Tameka Austin, Dwayne Perez, Matthew Patton, Michelle Patchett, John Ball, Mario Verrett, Temeka Franklin, Renae Barnes, Robert Trest, Robert Dicus, Michael Curry, Michael King, Brandon Lindley, Ben Langford, Dustin Griffin, Jon Brown, George Adams, James Hudnell, Josh Heddings

AFROTC Staff



Left to Right: SSgt Douglas Robinson, Lenise Young, Major Linda Matthews, SSgt Stacey Norman, Captain Richard Baker, Lt. Colonel Richard Davis

Soaring to Excellence

Using strategy and leadership skills in class and on the front

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

With dedication to community service and participation in leadership training, the Air Force ROTC is an integral part of the USM community.

Cadets participate in a wide variety of activities, including helping the Army ROTC provide color guard for USM sporting, social events, and student government activities, as well as leadership training courses.

The AFROTC cadets also get involved with civilians through Angel Flight Silver Wings, which is an Air Force sponsored civilian community service organization.

In addition to these activities, the cadets also carry full academic loads and follow rigorous physical training programs.

Drill Team



Left to Right: Tabari Thomas, Christopher Buckley, Dwayne Perez, Robert Tr, Adam Sencenbaugh, Ben Langford, Dustin Griffin, Matthew Patton, John Ball

Air Force ROTC



Arnold Air Society



Michelle Patchett, Dominic Cardella, Michael King.



Left to Right: Amanda Woodall, Tameka Austin, Josh Carpenter, Gwendolyn Bugg, Dwayne Perez, Michelle Patchett, John Northam, Christopher Buckley, Dominic Cardella, Adam Sencenbaugh, Matthew Patton, Robert Trest, John Ball, James Hudnell

American Chemical Society



Left to Right: Andrea Krell, Steven DeBlasio, Christine Thomas, Mignon Keaton, E. Britton Long, Victoria Ulery

Association Computing Machinery



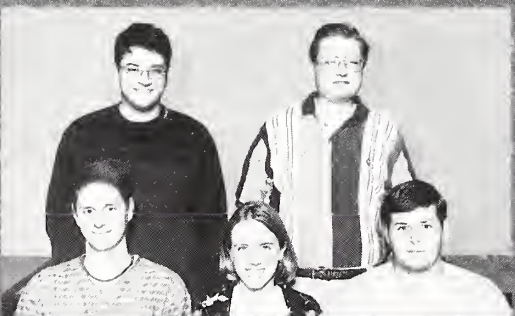
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Paralegal Society



Left to Right: Tyra Williams, Tammy Matlock, Tracy Patrick, Gail Lucas, Melody Brown, Wontu Bivins, Linda Lott, Tammy Campbell, Amanda LaFrance

Polymer Science Association



Left to Right: David Presken, Victoria Ulery, Lonnie Edgar, Mohammad Ali, Steven DeBlasio

On the Cutting Edge

AASO brings unity through diversity.

by LaTasha McBride

The Afro-American Student Organization is a vital component in the success of our university as a community and family.

The Afro-American Student Organization is committed to informing and educating students about multicultural issues. AASO is a stepping stone for students in experiencing social, academic, and cultural growth. With close to 200 members, AASO is living up to its goal of serving as a link between the numerous cultures on campus.

This school year was very productive for AASO as they pursued their goal of "Bringing Unity Through Diversity." A major event that was sponsored by AASO was their annual Showtime at the Apollo. As the tradition continues, this year was a huge success. The USM community exemplified the great impact that this organization has had on our university through their participation and support. In another major project, Black History Month, AASO sponsored numerous programs, speakers, and activities for the entire USM campus and community as a means of acquainting individuals with the array of cultures that make our university so great.

AASO has no problem with sharing the spotlight as well. This year, they were co-sponsors with UAC in promoting and organizing the Comedy Tour and the Jagged Edge Concert.

AASO has been very busy this year making it clear that they are living up to their motto: "Bringing Unity Through Diversity."

AASO Officers



Left to Right: Lakisca Morris, Tenise Hardaway, Trae Brown, Melody Mister, Kristi Scott, Walker, Ayanna Batiste, Akim Ceaser, Nakeshur Allen, Jeffrey Murdock, Joe Cook, Mixon

Afro-American Student Organization



Jagged Edge excites the diverse crowd with their music.

AASO



Left to Right: LaKisha Morris, Tenise Hardaway, Ayanna Batiste, Beverly Walker, Melody Mister, Trae Brown, Kristi Scott, Nakeshur Allen, Temeika Hubbard, Angela Mixon, Rodrick Williams, Camesha Cotton, LaPetra Howard, Tancia Boone, Chaquitia Cobbins, Kim Flagg, Brandi Wise, Kathryn Winfrey, Crystal Williams, Ruby Coleman, Yolanda Smith, Akim Ceaser, Lanita Straughn, Enjoli Thompson, Jeffrey Murdock, Markelia Williams, Valerie Magee, Alisha Fields, Nicoel Washington, Shannon O'Reilly, Michelle Sykes, Darrian Denman, Joanne Burns, Tawanna Robinson, Alisha Hammond, Zkela Denard, Skyla Jones, Shenna Eubanks, Frederika Cowley, Jennifer Sutherland, Misti Barnes, Marcie Strickland, Miranda McKenzie, LaOuisha Wright, Taj Barnes, Charles Stevenson, Brian Henderson, Elbert Coleman, Mark Mitchell, Claudia Ellis, Deidra Causey, Tyra Williams, Lanita Neal, Tracy Patrick, Darcia Johnson, LaSonia Dedeaux, Azland Dubose, Joe Cook, Terrell Kilpatrick, Jaimar Scott, Omani Dailey, Dewayne Walker, Rashan Graham, Tyra Saucier



Exploring the Future

*Dedicated to Leadership
and Service.*

by Spring Serenity O'Neal

When most people think of the Army ROTC, the struggles, rigorous training, and high levels of dedication required to participate probably come to mind.

However, within the structure of this program, there is more than enough room for hands on fun and community involvement.

Through several organizations, cadets are given chances to apply their skills to helping others and furthering their own learning experiences.

These organizations include the Ranger Challenge Team, Rifle Team, Ranger Company, and the National Society of Scabbard and Blade.

Through these organizations, as well as through their every-day life, cadets of the Army ROTC show their dedication to their communities and their country.





Army ROTC



Peers Educating Peers



Left to Right: Cherry Tillman, Renee Brown, Priscilla Fox, Xavier Johnson, Kimberly Padgett, Angela Ladnier, Jerline Jackson, Rachel Lemoine, Ginger Adcox, Ge-Anne Golden, Millicent Stafford, Lisa Gardner, Michelle Snow, Jennifer Barton, Keenan Tillman

Southern Misses



Left to Right: Elizabeth Spadofora, Giselle Casanova, Rhonda Fontenberry, Susan Sullivan, Jennifer Cocco, Lisa Hurst, Natalie Mann, Demetrice Hoskins, Kristen Nunez, Tara Odom, Malisha Turk, Tracy Wesley, Katie O'Neal

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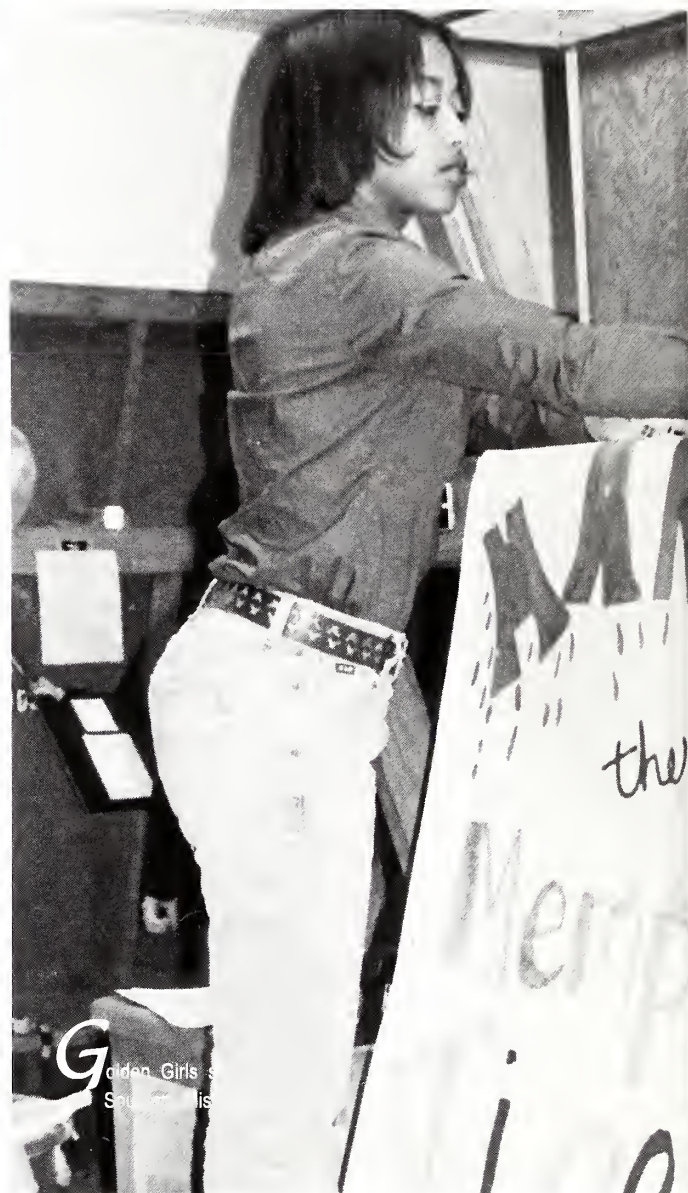


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Student Sports Medicine Association



Left to Right: Kevin Mauldin, Samantha Washington, Katina Tillman, Amy Brown, Brandi Perry, Katie Eubanks, Suzie Franginques, Kristy Neal, Tara Packer, Shana Cozad, Angelle Peltier, Chad Ainsworth, Stacey Slater, Brandy Mann, Ashley Platt, Hideki Kato, Quantrell Tovel, Joseph Gunter, Christopher Haralson, Matt McClain, Steve Curr, Reginald McClinton



Golden Girl Officers



Left to Right: Blair Christian, Andrea Johnson, Monique Cunningham

A Golden Glimmer

Not Every Girl Can Be Golden

By LaTasha McBride

What is a Golden Girl? The Golden Girls is one of the many organizations on campus that promote school spirit and pride. However, their job does not end here, the primary task of the Golden Girls is to serve as guides for both high school and community college students who wish to pursue an athletic career at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Golden Girls help familiarize students with the campus, athletic program, escort students and parents to games and help to ensure that both are well aware of everything USM has to offer.

The 60 young ladies that compose this organization do more than simply serve as tour guides. They are a vital aspect of USM that helps build and promote our university.

Golden Girls exemplify both school spirit and dedication in their efforts to recruit the future student athletes of Southern Miss. As the saying goes, "not ever girl can be golden!"

Golden Girls 1999-2000



Left to Right: Blair Christian, Andrea Johnson, Monique Cunningham, Christina Minor, Quiona Woods, Nikki Smith, Ora Jackson, Shonna Brown, Katie Eubanks, Pim Boonchai, Lindsey Theobald, Beverly Walker, Erica Shelton, Kara Brannon, Jackie Vogel, Tekla Green, Maria Koskan, Akim Ceaser, Stephanie Sellier, Tanisha Washington, Allison Garner, Kimberly Floyd, Amber McIlwain, Jamie Linton, Dorian Wallace, Ashley Tullos, Heather Jordan, Jessica Johnson, Kim Johnston, Lori Hill

Major Entertainment



Left to Right: Trina Jones, Keisha Owens, Shaylondia Simmons, Kim Taylor, Beverly Walker, LaChandra Porter

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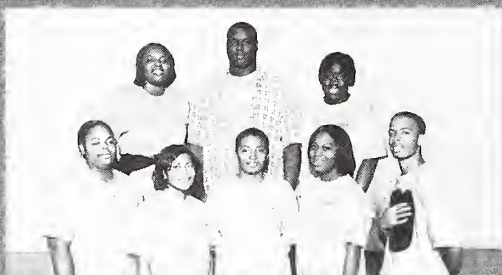
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Variety



Left to Right: Elizabeth Cardwell, Alice Siqueira, Krystin Hendry, Brant Ryan, Laura Kolibal, Stephanie Brookshire, Amy Cuevas, Chris Johnson

Union



Left to Right: Amy Simmons, Jovonna Hart, Nikki McDonald, Kamesha McLaurin, Sabir Hagg, Tiffany Sanders, Rodrick Williams, LaTasha Eades

Movies



Left to Right: James White, Lateef Ledbetter, Alphonse Taylor, Robert Clark

They Do It *While You Watch*

by Natalie Everett

What campus organization is solely devoted to the purpose of providing mass entertainment for the University of Southern Mississippi? What council is as diverse and creative as the audience it serves? They're the same individuals who keep USM's students begging for more.

They're the University Activities Council, and they do what they do "While You Watch" as this year's theme implies. So far, there are no complaints as UAC's six committees step into action every year. But UAC doesn't like to take all of the credit. They have worked with campus groups like SGA, AASO, and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Along with the SGA, our University Activities Council produced a very successful evening of music and comedy with R&B sensation Jagged Edge and BET comedian Simply Marvelous. Equally entertaining was Hypnotist Dan LeRosa.

Other activities are provided to encourage student interaction. UAC's smallest event brought out over 300 guests. *Only* about 300 guests? The Union carnival turned out to be a big success as it gave students an opportunity to mingle and win prizes.

It sure looks like students are taking advantage of the variety of activities. When arriving at any of the various UAC functions, students are advised to arrive early.

"The purpose of UAC is to provide entertainment for the campus," according to UAC President Ricardo Woods. All of these events welcome friends and family who come to have fun with students. The massive turnouts prove that if you provide good entertainment, the campus will come.

UAC Officers



Left to Right: Krystin Hendry, Kim Taylor, Keisha Owens, Angela Mixon, John Burks, Alice Siqueira, Rodrick Williams, Daniel Harrington, Ray Boudreau, Jovonna Hart, Lindsey Theobald, Lateef Ledbetter

University Activities Council



Left to Right: Alice Siqueira, Akim Ceaser, Krystin Hendry, Jovonna Hart, Ray Boudreau, Kim Taylor, Keisha Owens, Lateef Ledbetter, Angela Mixon, Daniel Harrington, Wesley Boudreaux, John Burks, Lauren McCloskey, Katie Stone, Shaylondia Simmons, Gariyn Mohler, Ricardo Woods, Amanda Alejandro, Mandy Nabors, Mandi Cowart, Melissa Carpenter, Elizabeth Cardwell, Stephanie Brookshire, Laura Kolibal, Amy Marie Cuevas, Tiffany Sanders, Beverly Walker, Kamesha McLaurin, Amy Simmons, LaTasha Eades, Sabir Hagg, Lindsey Theobald, Brant Ryan, Robert Clark, Rodrick Williams, Naekhia McDonald, Chris Johnson, Deitra Davis, LaChandra Porter, Alex Thomas, James White, Tiffany Clemmons, Petrina Jones, Jarvis Blackmon, Alphonse Taylor

Special Projects



Lauren McCloskey, Ricardo Woods, Akim Ceaser, Wesley Boudreaux



Left to Right: Lindsey Theobald, Angela Mixon, Katie Stone, Alex Thomas, Robert Clark

American Institute of Building Design



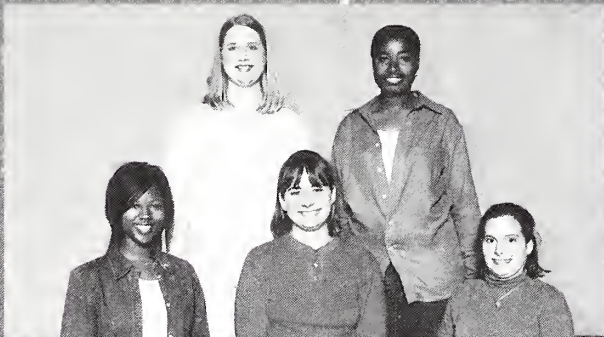
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C.A.I.D.



Left to Right: Charlene Clarke, Brandy Williams, Susan Green, Rhonda White, Michelle Kennedy, Ananda Cartee, Deedy Fagerstrom, Sarah Goff, Alex Burke, Tiffany Portie, Josh Holloman, Steven McPhail, Drue Hornsby, Bobby Rumpfelf

Recreation Majors Club



Left to Right: Amanda Wade, Crystal Fort, Shannon Kolb, Kristy May, LaShanda Brumfield

Golden Key



Left to Right: Adrienne Davis, Brittany Reid, Amy Prestfridge, Olivia Hamil, Rebekah Breland, Shawanda Lewis, Tammy Videkovich, Molly Shipley, Rachel Bru, Charlene Clarke, Shanna Sorey, Lorraine Dubulsson, Gretchen Rau, Jennifer Heidman, Stacy Schiro, Linda Small, Kim Temple, Gillian Nelson, Dawn Shows, Jenny Broom, Stacie Stewart, Elena Schiro, Raymond Pemberton, Kristen White, Paris Moulden, Sunny Brewer, Kristy Welch, Shandra Griffin, Krupa Desin, Casey Cockrell, Valerie Upton, Therese Scovel, Angelle Peltier, Beth Henderson, Rebecca West Hartfield, Jennifer O'Neal, Amber Bond, Natalie Mann, Keely Williams, Lacy Stroud, Lynn Bourdin, Markeda Griffin, Christina Watts, Tara Stevens, Betsy Sheffield, K'Lynne McKinley, Philip Geiger, Warren Thronton, Scott Grantham, Kyna Baker, Will Casey, Joseph Turney, Gina Cataland, Christopher Haralson, Lisa Taormina, Shannon Jenkins, Barbara Calhoun, Betty Bise, Layton Hood, Jason Teeter, Charles Eifer, Joe Hughbanks, Steven Ladner, John Williams, John Renkin, Richard Lewis, Frank Bartlett, Leonard Stewart

A True Bond

Building Friendships to Last a Lifetime

by Lauren Danos

No matter the letter we are Greek together. Our rush team truly describes what the Panhellenic Council stands for. When the council gathers together with the delegate and president of each chapter and the Panhellenic officers, the letters that we wear are forgotten and we work together to make our Greek system number one. The Panhellenic Council works hand-in-hand with the Interfraternity council and the National Panhellenic Council to promote campus involvement, unity within the Greek system, community service, and scholarship.

The academic school year began with the RUSH community service project. The rushees selected local establishments where they wanted to volunteer. In October, the annual "Mocktoberfest" was held with a representative from M.A.D.D. as the keynote speaker. The events that every Greek anticipates are the "super swaps". Finishing up the year was the week long "extravaganza" of Greek Week. The Panhellenic Council is truly dedicated to building a true bond of sisterhood within the Greek System.

Panhellenic Council



Panhellenic Council Executive Board



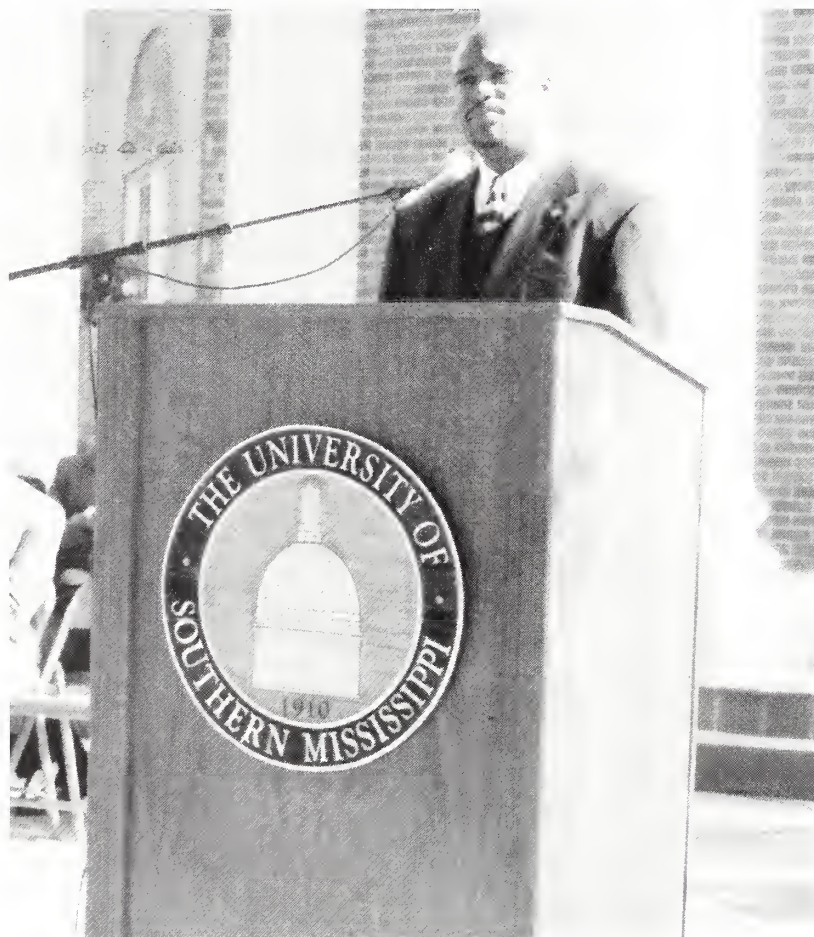
Panhellenic Council



2000-2001 SGA Executive Officers



SGA President Elect - Nathaniel Anderson, Jr.



Leading into the Millenium

*Building the Foundation
for Excellence.*

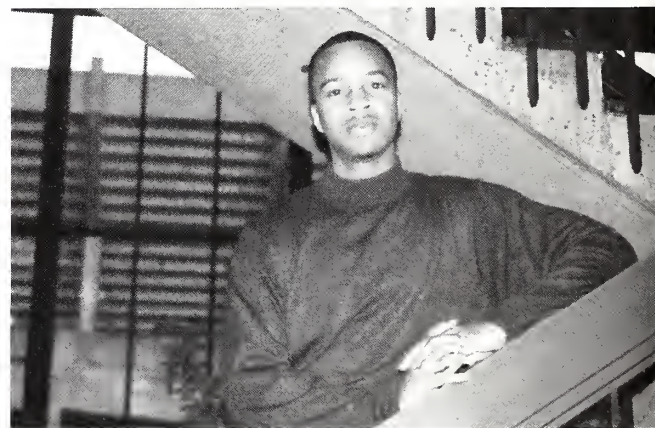
by Latasha McBride

The Student Government Association is the official governing body for the students. SGA makes it a priority to invite the student body to take part in the continuation of development and changes on our campus. The Student Government Association's main goal is to include the opinions of every student on campus within every decision that SGA makes.

Although SGA is always busy, they are never too busy for the students or for having a little fun! This year SGA has co-sponsored events such as the Jagged Edge and Better Than Ezra concerts. Forums and various community service projects were also on the agenda as SGA continued to both educate and provide services for the students and the community.

Next year, SGA will continue its efforts in the promotion of student involvement in SGA. According to newly-elect Vice-President, Angela Patterson, The Student Government Association's main goal will be to put the "student" back in Student Government Association. Other goals will include strengthening diversity and providing every student with an opportunity to be more involved with the positive changes that will affect our campus.

1999-2000 SGA President - Verdell Hawkins





SGA Executive Officers 1999-2000



Building the Foundation - Leaders of the Future



Lambda Alpha Epsilon Criminal Justice Association



Left to Right: Pamela Stamps, Erica Sherrill, David Gray, Carolyn Nicholson, Kendra Lee-Pittman, Ellis McBride, Brian Gardo, Johnathan Blanchard, Keva Jackson, Jessica McDonald, LeShawn McWright, Sheba Jennings, Mark Mitchell, Keffer Stokes, LaKeshia Cole, Donna Goodrum, Lora Morgan, Jon Brown, Sam Martin

Habitat for Humanity



Left to Right: Kellie Dyer, Sarah Middleton, Shannon Williams, Adam Springer, Rachel Bru, Jann Tuten, Matthew Mills, Deborah Callender, Kelli Bell, Corrie Stuart, Andy Hilton, Mindy Phillips, Kathryn Winfrey, Anitra Wilson, Katie Scally, Michelle Simmons, Kevyn Malpass, Ruth Mistretta, Anna Featherston, Christy Love, Keshia Madison, Akim Ceaser, Sam Robinson

Order of Omega



Left to Right: Jennifer Clark, Nicki Case, Jacqueline Moak, Ashley Ferrell, Beth White, Heidi Morgan, Kristie Pearce, Emily Mahor, Barat Schexnaildre, Jamie Tregre, Sherry Walker, Sara Doby, Kellie Dyer, Casey Guyton, Carly Gervais, Cynthia Earle, Keri Cothorn, Kelly Barnhill, Rebecca Prewitt, Mack Jeffress, Megan Coney, Lisa Irons, Byrd Inabnet, Wyane Miller, Brent Greenutz, Paul Gottlieb, Ryan Derbes

Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



Left to Right: Gina Archer, Mona Fairley, Kimberly Graves, Billie Jean Whitehead, LaToya Cain, Nga Walters, Allyson Lawler, Kelly White, Heather Williams, Penny Lambert, Jeff Leffler, Kiwana Norman, Felicia Burns, Melissa Harvey, Stephanie Elliott, Jennifer Willmann

Community Fellowship

Giving is Better than Receiving

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

In the true spirit of community, the purpose of the Social Work Club is solely to help others.

"Our work is two-fold -- we try to be a voice for the social work students and to help people in the community," said Delores Williams, advisor of the Social Work Club.

In trying to accomplish these goals, the club started a luggage drive, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services to provide luggage for children being placed in new foster homes.

In addition, the club has become involved with H.O.S.T., a program designed to pair college students with area school children to provide tutoring and mentoring services.

But the help doesn't stop in Hattiesburg. Dr. Tim Rehner, Coordinator of the social work program will take students abroad to study and work in Jamaica this summer. The students will earn class credit while helping others.

"This club is great because the students get experience helping others, which is what they will be doing when they become professionals," Williams said.

BSW Officers



Left to Right: Amanda Allred, Keri Cothorn, Paige Sylvester-Barnes, Lejeuande

Bachelor of Social Work Club



BSW members giving back to the community.

BSW Members



Dillon, Stephanie King, Johnny Williams



Left to Right: Heather Mahaffey, Keri Cothorn, Candice Waever, Lejeunade Dillon, Stephanie King, Delories Williams, Sheri Grant, Stephanie Phillips, Paige Sylvester-Barnes, Janice Moore, Cindy Rozalski, Banu Husain, Johnny Williams, Chnstine Haynes, Amanda Allred



Stepping at Margaritaville



Unifying Greeks

*By Setting Examples
and Supporting
Brotherhood.*

by Latasha McBride

The Interfraternity Council takes pride in governing over 15 fraternities at the University of Southern Mississippi. IFC strives to promote leadership and brotherhood among over 700 fraternity members.

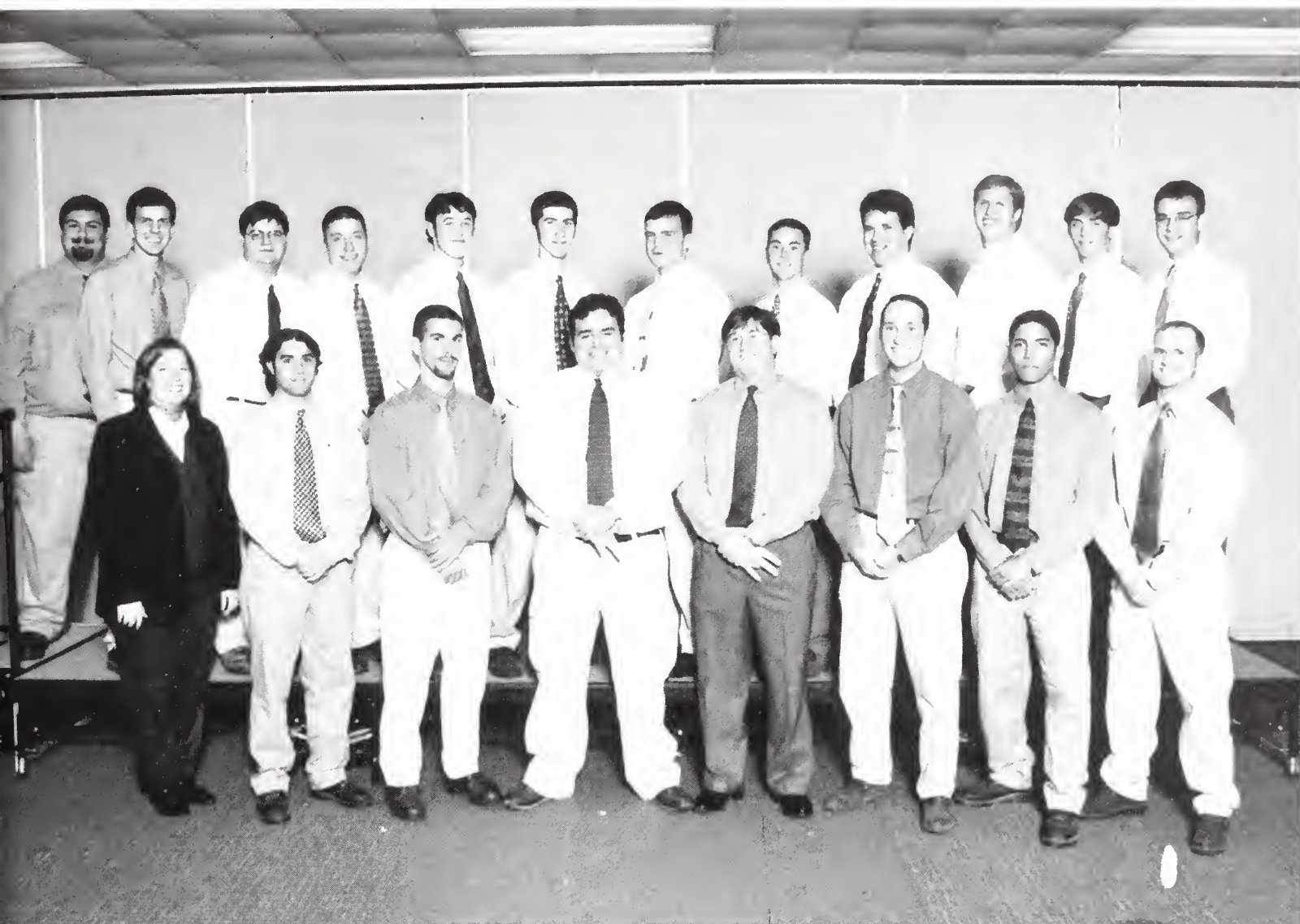
IFC has made tremendous efforts to become more involved on campus as well as in the community. This year the IFC has raised over \$75,000 for philanthropy events. In addition IFC has volunteered with such community programs as the Child Development Center, the Boys and Girls Club, and Aldersgate Mission, to name a few.

The IFC also sponsors the annual Greek Week in April, when all fraternities are brought together to participate in community service projects to be honored. This event is designed to promote Greek unity and give others a chance to be a part of all that these organizations have to offer.

The IFC does not serve as just a governing body, but it also serves as a motivator, educator, and advisor so the individuals within these fraternities may become more well-rounded and fulfilled through their college experiences. Team work, leadership, brotherhood, and unity is what the IFC is all about.

Welcome to the Brotherhood





Sigma Chi Derby Day



Meet Mu Xi - Alpha Phi Alpha



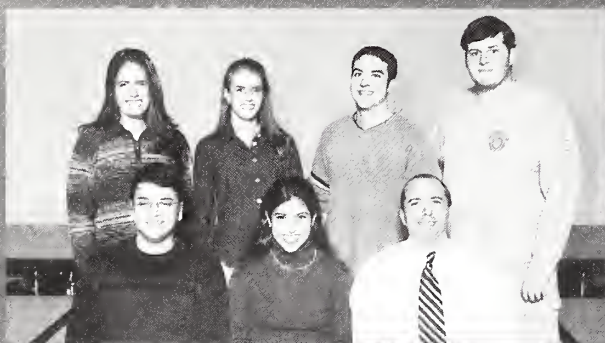
202 Ways

To get involved on campus!





Omicron Delta Kappa



Left to Right: Mohammad Ali, Rebecca Bordeaux, John Burks, Kristen Bonnett, Rebecca Thornell, Steven Daughtry, Lonnie Edgar

Most Outstanding Freshman Males



Left to Right: Blake Hamm, Alex Thames, John Dudley, Arvell Delaine (most outstanding)

Most Outstanding Freshman Females



Left to Right: Sarah Logan (most outstanding), Anika Watson, Shelly Gallender, Amy Chevas, Katie Jack (most outstanding)

Belief In Action

*Worship, Fellowship,
and Service.*

by Sister Annette Seymour

The motto of the Catholic Student Association "With God, we can do all things", reflects an attitude to life and is, in fact, a way of life.

Activities of the CSA include biweekly arts and crafts hour with Pinchaven' children, visiting with the elderly at the Conva-Rest nursing home, hosting an annual Halloween Party for the DuBard School of Language Disorders, throwing an annual Mardi Gras party for themselves and many other activities.

In all of these activities the CSA is supported and encouraged by St. Thomas Aquinas Church, its local university parish.

The CSA also holds weekly meetings, Bible study groups, and many other opportunities for students to grow in their Catholic faith, as well as enabling them to reach out to other students.

The CSA exemplifies the importance of making God a part of your everyday faith journey.



Catholic Student Association



National Association of Home Builders



Left to Right: J.T. Farve, An Nguyen, Michael Lewis, Reanell Eschette, Marc Douglas, Paus Shamburger, Rachel Farve, Renee McDonald, Michael McDonald, Larry Carlisle, Micheal Key

NAACP



Left to Right: Shaunta Brown, Tamika Chandler, Jasimine Rash, Christie Moore, LaKisha Williams, Jovonna Hart, Shrona Taylor, Michelle Sullivan, Erika Luckett, Zakiyyah Shaeed, Angela Mixon, Sharonda Butler, Melissa Carpenter, Kefferia Stokes, Lorenzo Thompson, Jamal Jones, Levan Leggett, Michael Williams, Moses Fox, Eric Griffin, Lori Hill, Ian Barrow, Brandi McDonald, LaTara Johnson, Vallerie Dorsey, Tamara Clark, Tamara Nelson, Shane Nelson, Kimberly Carr, Meka Martin, Kela Spikes, Lanita Neal, Brandi Mise, Jessica Owens, Auyana Smith, Michell Sykes, Carol Taylor, Sharon White, Jennifer Sutherland, Enjoli Thompson, Akim Ceaser

Alumni of Tomorrow

I am a student. I am a fan. I and Southern Miss.

Story submitted

The Student Alumni Association is proof that the fun doesn't end after graduation.

As a direct link between students and alumnus, the Student Alumni Association keeps students up to date on happenings throughout the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.

SAA has two primary goals, the first is to make good alumni. SAA tries to prepare students so that their contributions will continue to build a strong foundation for our university. The second goal of SAA is to serve as a communication link between the alumni and the students.

Over 350 students have embarked on a path to become good alumni, through SAA. To keep all of these members informed and involved, SAA publishes an official alumni magazine that is available to students, as well as the SAA newsletter.

The Student Alumni Association is doing its part to make sure that the pride of attending the University of Southern Mississippi is felt in the hearts of students whether new or old!





SAA Bonds on their
annual road trip.

Student Alumni Association



FCA Promoting Fellowship



Reaching Out To Others

*Making
the
Right
Calls*

The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is "to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."



Fellowship of Christian Athletes



FCA Officers



FCA Officers

Angel Flight and Silver Wings



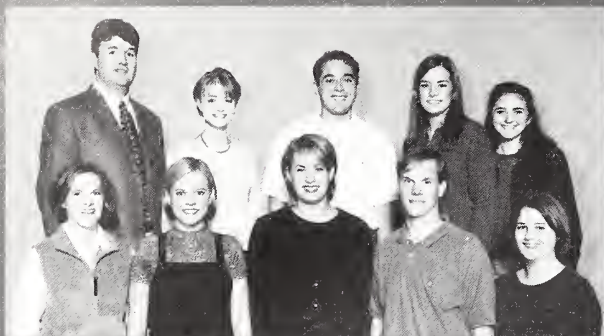
Phi Eta Sigma



V.I.S.I.O.N.



American Marketing Association



Left to Right: Nicole Sadler, Raegan Winland, Lynne Bischof, John Peterson, Carrie, Christopher Shields, Jennifer O'Neal, Derrick Procell, Karen Parker, Ellen Felder

Construction Specification Institute



Left to Right: Rachel Farve, Cooki Thronson, Michael McDonald, Reanell Eschette, Larry Carlisle

Freshman Associates



Left to Right: Michelle Walters, Johnell Wienniewitz, Sarah Logan, Blake Hamm, Madison Burris, Rebecca Boudreaux, Jenna West, Blair Hubbard, Summer Stacy, Katie Jack, Kamecia Hoskins, Holly Stephan, Shaun Stallworth, Jennifer Richardson, Amy Marie Cuevas, Julie Moore, Adeline Abbenyi, Leslie McInnis, Meredith Shanks, Kelli Tumlin, Amy Riehlmann, Mandi Cowart, Angela Lee, Paige Williamson, Whitney Palmer, Kristen Cameron, Stacey LeBlanc, Beth Francis, Susanna Stringer, Naila Moore, Chris Ryals, Michael Dorris, LaBaron Massey, Arvell DeLaine, Ryan Thompson, Matt Lang, Kelly Lambert, Mark Baur, Jason Smith, Bobby Moore

PEM-KT Club



Left to Right: Dr. Jan Drummond, Heather Wilkinson, Melissa Fuller, Kerri Callen, Chad McCrossen, Anne Seybold

Setting the Stage

Serving the community

by Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Service, scholarship, and character all go hand-in-hand for members of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. With a willing attitude to help those in need, members set out to volunteer their time for the Helping Hands Mission, a non-profit local organization. Gamma Beta Phi also sponsors a bi-weekly story time for the children that live at Pine Haven housing. Over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, Gamma Beta Phi members participated in food drives that benefited local families in need of a little holiday cheer. These and other activities have won the USM chapter of Gamma Beta Phi the Distinguished Chapter Award for 1998-1999. President Betsy Sheffield was named state president, and Christina Watts was named state secretary. With members who find challenges exhilarating and helping others rewarding, Gamma Beta Phi is dedicated to student involvement both on campus and in the community.

Gamma Beta Phi Officers



Left to Right: Kela Spikes, Betsy Sheffield, Niki Jacobsen, Stacy Butler,



Gamma Beta Phi



Wendy Talbert, Tara Stevens



Left to Right: Wendy Talbert, Stacy Butler, Kela Spikes, Betsy Sheffield, Tara Stevens, Niki Jacobson, Trey Skaggs, Lori Tieperman, Jennifer Clark, Jessi Loflin, Susan Sullivan, Jillian James, Joanne Burns, Tenise Hardaway, Stephanie Phillips, Akiko Miwa, Lori Singletary, Melissa Latimer, Shandra Griffin, Chasattee Greenfield, Christina Watts, Carrie Pankey, Blair Christan, Lindsey Theobald, Jennifer Hanks, Stacie Stewart, Alison Campo, Lakeshia Alexander, Charlene Clarke, Stephanie Seller, Amy Pruitt, Kris Blackledge, Betty Bise, Michael McDonald, Christine Haynes, Tasha Thompson, Karen Parker, Ellen Felder, Heather Jordan, Christy Love, Maria Koskan

Talking Education

*Paving the path to
scholarship and success.*

Story by: LaTasha S. McBride

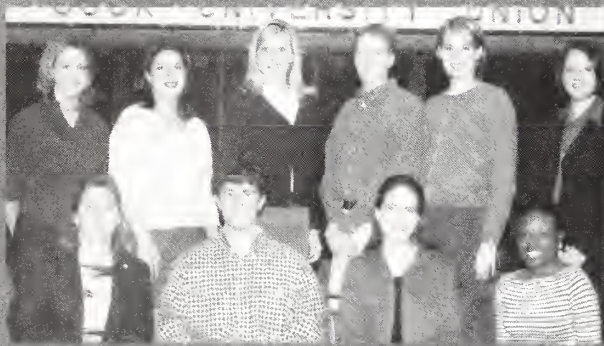
The Graduate Student Association serves as an advocacy group for graduate students on the campus of USM.

This organization strives to meet the needs and desires of graduate students by assisting them on both an educational and social level. GSA sponsors many forums and seminars that are both informative and interesting to graduate students. The group also provides students with fun activities such as tailgating parties and a host of other social events throughout the year.

GSA is open to all graduate students and, in fact, any graduate student is automatically a member!

This organization is a great way for graduate students to not only get involved on campus, but all over the world as well, by providing opportunities for graduates students to communicate with each other.

BSAC



Student Athlete Advisory Committee



Graduate Student Association





Officers

1999-2000 Graduate Student Association



Rho Gamma



Wesley Foundation



Moving Forward

Beta Alpha Psi Officers



Left to Right: Beth Krohn, Alex Burns, Jacqueline Moak, Angie Gates, Farrah Graham, Patty Polk

Working Hard for Success in the Business World.

Story by: Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Some organizations are for fun, some are for service but Beta Alpha Psi is these things plus more. BAP is an honor society designed to assist students in moving from the world of university learning to the world of accounting employment.

Our goals are to serve as a bridge between accounting students and our future professions, said Beth Krohn, president of the society. We try to provide students with ways to learn about the accounting job market and what it will be like to search for employment.

To meet these goals, the society sponsors lectures, where professional speak to members about the industry, market outlooks and employment opportunities.

Besides these professional interests, BAP also hosts social activities throughout the year to promote a bond of friendship and sharing between students and faculty.

The USM chapter of BAP is just one component of a national organization, which is open only to accounting majors who prove themselves diligent and scholarly.

This is an accounting honor society that is open to accounting majors with high grade point averages and high grades in their accounting classes, said Krohn.

Though students may often feel that college is just about fun, BAP proves that fun and professional interests can go hand in hand to provide an environment of true learning.

Beta Alpha Psi



Excelling in Academics

Working hard now, to attain success in the future.

Story by: LaTasha S. McBride

The Honors Students Association is an organization designed primarily to enhance the relationship between faculty and students within the Honors College.

The HSA serves as a liaison between students and faculty. This organization was developed as a means to motivate and guide students on their paths to success.

However, this organization is committed to discovering friendships and activities in many areas. The HSA conducts numerous events that involve fellow honor students and the community, including picnics, dances, and community service projects.

Though the Honors College seems to be a community of their own, they are just one of the components that make USM a more well rounded educational force.

Honors Student Association Officers



Left to Right: Gretchen Rau, Kimberly Jacobs, Mignon Keaton

Honors Student Association



Left to Right: Gretchen Rau, Kimberly Jacobs, Mignon Keaton, Jennifer Heideman, Kathryn Smith, Tiffany Blakeslee, Adeline Abbenyi, Julie Dunn, Kevyn Malpass, Matthew Mills, Lauren Pigo, Sarah Duncan

Improving Campus Life

Union Advisory Board Officers



*Focusing on building a
better University.*

Story By: LaTasha S. McBride

The Union Advisory Board is an organization that reflects the interests and needs of USM students. The UAB is responsible for involving students in the policy making procedures by which the Union is run.

The UAB is comprised of over 25 students and about five faculty and staff members. Throughout the year, the board works to find ways to better serve students. UAB allows the Union to provide facility services and programs that will reflect students interests.

Students have a chance to provide input on such issues as hours of operation for the Union, food services, and game room policies.

The UAB is only one of many organizations that seek to better serve the students at USM.

Union Advisory Board



In truth, the university is just a group of brick buildings surrounded by lush landscaping and barren parking lots. But every fall the campus fairly hums with energy as the people arrive. It's the people, and the spirit of the people, that actually bring USM to life. The student body and faculty give the campus the spark of life: that "Golden Eagle attitude" and its unique atmosphere. From the moment we stepped onto the campus, we each added our unique personalities and talents to that "hum." And long after we are gone, our voices, like ghosts, will hover in the hallways and echo in our memories. We will always be the people of Southern Miss.



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Dr. Horace W. Fleming, Jr.

What the Future Brings..

Story by Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Taking on the role of President at a college known for its great diversity, Dr. Horace W. Fleming, Jr., is the force that pulls this campus together and leads it toward the future.

"I believe that the true greatness of this university is yet to come," said Dr. Fleming. With a new millennium on the horizon, Dr. Fleming and his staff are working closely with students to insure that the hard work and planning that have occurred in past years makes the dreams of this university a reality.

Some of these plans include the recent construction projects, which have resulted in equal amounts of satisfaction and frustration on the part of students. However, Dr. Fleming feels that the most important thing to remember is what the final result will be.

"I understand, of course, how students feel, but to me this is so exciting," Dr. Fleming said. "All of the dust and mud that have us so frustrated right now will soon be a new student plaza and new dormitories, both of which students actually helped design and approve."

However, in the midst of all of the improvements which are being made on campus, students and others have begun to strongly question whether this university lives up to the ideals of equality and freedom of expression. Dr. Fleming admitted that at the present time the faculty at USM does not accurately represent the student body, but said that one of his key goals for the future is to insure that it will in the future.

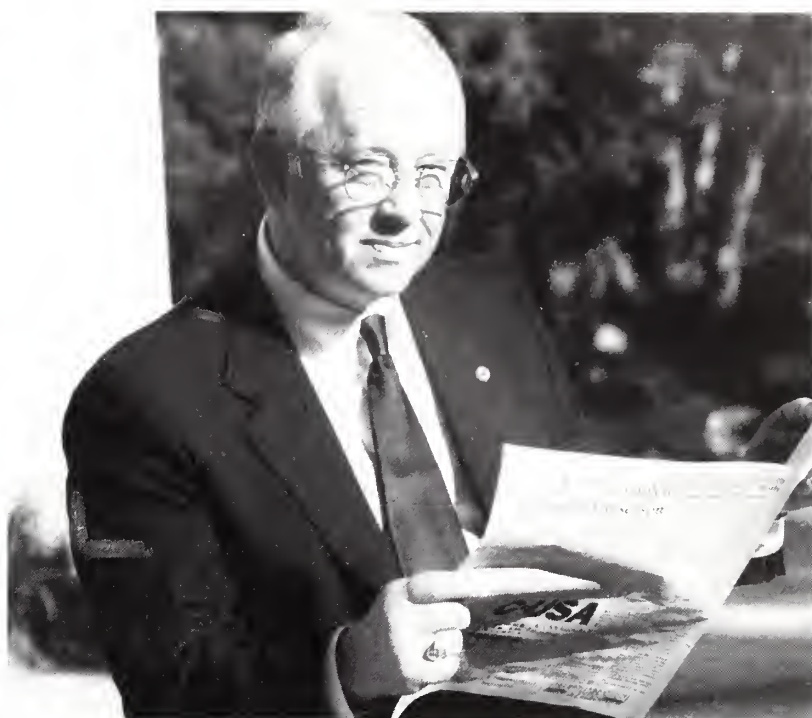
"We have come a long way, but we are no where near reaching our goals," Dr. Fleming said. "If we ever said that we had reached our goals we would get nowhere. We have to look within all of the departments and take measures to make sure that our faculty reflects that immense diversity on campus."

Despite some upheavals on campus and plans that still have not reached completion, Dr. Fleming expresses that, in light of his long career as professor and administrator, USM is one of the best universities in the nation, if not the world.

"We may not get as much respect as some bigger, older universities, but people recognize some of our programs as internationally outstanding," Dr. Fleming said. "Sometimes I wonder if even our own people know just how good this university is." Through his work, Dr. Fleming proves that, to him, the greatest part of Southern Miss is the students.

"My favorite part of my job is being with the students," expresses Dr. Fleming. By opening himself to his students' ideas and concerns, Dr. Fleming makes this not an empty statement, but a way of life.





Pictured far left, Dr. Horace Fleming Jr. poses in USM's rose garden with his office colleagues: Dr. Anthony Harris, Jewel Tucker, and Polly Odom. Pictured in the center, Dr. Fleming poses if front of the Administration building, where his office is located. Pictured above, Fleming shows great interest in a copy of the Student Printz.

Photography by Tanya J. Nod

“I believe that the true greatness of this university is yet to come”

--Dr. Horace Fleming, Jr., President of Southern Miss

Oseola McCarty

Angel Takes Flight.....

Story by Naderia Washington

"There's something somewhat angelic about a human being who would sacrifice their reward from years of hard labor in order to benefit someone they have never met," replies Joslyn Tinker when asked to describe one of USM's most famous benefactors, Miss Oseola McCarty.

Oseola McCarty was born March 7, 1908 in Wayne County, Mississippi. McCarty and her mother moved to Hattiesburg when she was very young. She attended school only until the sixth grade, when she dropped out to take care of a close aunt who had become ill. Being an only child, McCarty was left alone in the world when her grandmother died in 1944, her mother in 1964 and her aunt in 1967. She never married or had children. Both McCarty's mother and aunt left willed her money, which she added to what she had already saved from washing and ironing clothes.

Taking the advice of bank officials, McCarty took her savings and invested in CD's. She didn't know that she had saved approximately \$250,000 until she read about it in the papers.

In July 1995, she decided to donate the bulk of her savings, some \$150,000 to the University of Southern Miss to endow the Oseola McCarty Scholarship "with priority consideration given to those deserving African-American students enrolling at USM who clearly demonstrate a financial need." Once news spread of McCarty's selfless act of generosity, she began to gain national recognition from President Bill Clinton, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), People Magazine, and numerous talk shows and publications. McCarty book, *Oseola McCarty's Simple Wisdom for Rich Living*, was published in 1996.

McCarty passed away from cancer September 26, 1999. Her memorial service was held on campus.

A total of \$350,000 has been received for Oseola McCarty's scholarship fund. USM is very fortunate to have had such generosity shown from such a remarkable and respected individual. She will be missed by faculty, staff and students





Pictured far left, Miss Oseola McCarty speaks with President Bill Clinton at an award dinner held by the Congressional Black Caucus. Pictured center, Miss McCarty poses with her Bible. Pictured above, Miss McCarty proudly shows an edition of People Magazine in which she has a feature story.

Photography Provided by Public Relations

*There is something
about the way she
carries herself, the way
she speaks, the way
she lives, that makes
her a true inspiration.
I am proud to be a part
of her life, and I hope
to be a part of her future
as well.*

--Joslyn Tinker,
graduate student

John DeChiaro

Story by Spring-Serenity O'Neal

With a ready smile and an open door policy, Giovanni DeChiaro, professor of guitar, invites all music lovers into his office and into his heart.

World renown for his brilliant playing and transcriptions of musical works for guitar, DeChiaro has played twice at White House functions, for Pope John Paul in the Vatican and extensively throughout the Southern States, New England, and Mexico. In addition to his extensive performing background, DeChiaro has also released recordings that include his own arrangements of Christmas carols, Broadway hits and his most recent work, a complete recording of all 52 Scott Joplin compositions.

Though DeChiaro is recognizably a guitarist of immense talent and deservable fame, he still maintains his love of teaching. "I love working with students," he said, "because students are idealistic and have no chips on their shoulders. They have fire and passion for music which is unstoppable."

In 1986 DeChiaro showed his dedication to his students by beginning on two of his most outstanding and lasting contributions to USM. First, with many talented students and no forum for these students to perform and compete in, DeChiaro founded the PineBelt Guitar Symposium. This annual event brings regional guitarists together for concerts, mass classes, and competitions.

Second, faced with no funding for scholarships for his talented guitar students, DeChiaro began fund-raising to create a scholarship especially for guitarists. In the fall of 1986 the first Cafe DeChiaro was held to raise money for the scholarship fund. This concert event, which is held in the Union and has a cafe-style atmosphere, features Southern Miss guitarists, guests, and former students. From this fundraiser came a generous donation from Elmo and Mary Glenn Harrison which prompted DeChiaro to name the scholarship after them. After five years of fundraising, DeChiaro awarded the first scholarship in 1991 to Michael Boyd, who has since graduated with a masters degree in guitar from USM.

Due to his many achievements, DeChiaro has been recognized by National Public Radio as a feature on its broadcast "All Things Considered" on Nov. 24, 1999.

Though DeChiaro's international fame is a testimony to his talent, his commitment to USM and to his students is what makes him a great teacher.



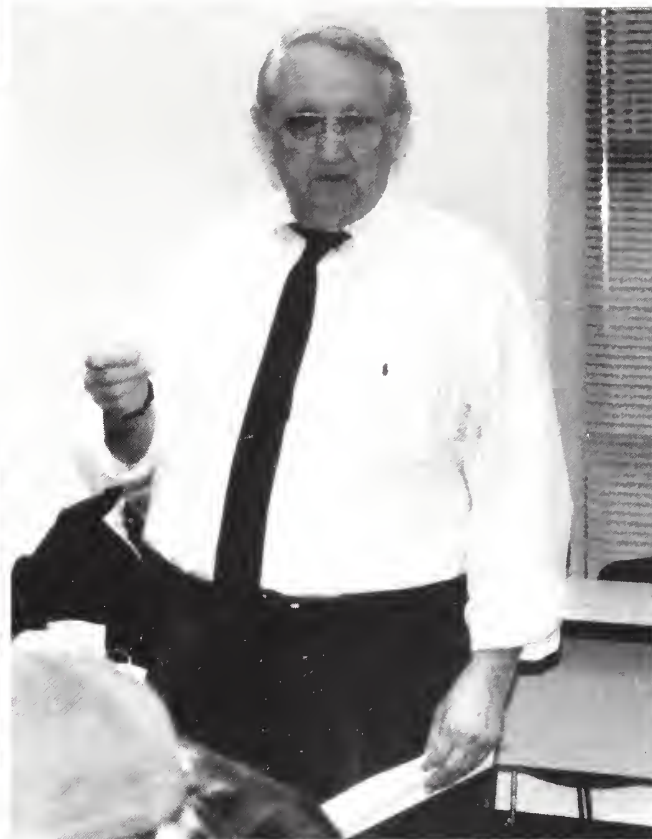
Pictured above, Dr. John DeChiaro helps Bo Jeffries with his guitar lessons. Pictured right, DeChiaro poses with his guitar.

Photography provided by Student Prints



Pictured left, Col. Tyler Fletcher researches through his books before class. Below, Fletcher lectures what could be his last class after announcing his retirement.

Photography by Lindsey Nicolaid



Col. Tyler Fletcher

Story by Antoinette Konz

After creating USM's criminal justice department in 1971 and providing academic and professional advice to thousands of students, Col. Tyler Fletcher has decided that the spring 2000 semester will be his last.

"I feel it is time," Fletcher said, sitting in his new Liberal Arts Building office. "My wife also teaches here and she will retire next year and we will continue to live in Hattiesburg."

Fletcher's office is filled with awards and certificates that honor him, but he will be the last person to tell you about them.

"In the end, everything I am is because of the students," he said.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Fletcher went to a junior college and then attended the University of Texas, where he enrolled in ROTC.

He graduated in 1950 as the Korean War began and went directly into active military service. He served two years in the infantry and then with the military police in the U.S. Army. While he was still on active duty, he obtained his master's degree in police administration from Michigan State University. After 21 years, he retired from the military and came to USM to establish a criminal justice department.

"I was offered two jobs to begin criminal justice departments; one at the University of Georgia and one here. I decided to come here because I was impressed from day one with the area and the people," Fletcher said. "And since then, I have continued to love Hattiesburg and the university. I'd never want to be anywhere else," he said. "We have one of the oldest programs in the country."

"I wanted to try to help younger students out on how they could further their career in criminal justice," he said. "Teaching has enabled me to do a lot of things I would have not been able to do otherwise."

Elizabeth Henderson, who has been the criminal justice department's secretary for 13 years, said Fletcher was always willing to meet with students, even those without an appointment.

"There have been times where students go to him and are kind of apprehensive and he makes it easy for them. People feel comfortable with him and that is a good characteristic to have," she said.

F a c u l t y

Dr. Lawrence Gwozdz

Story by Spring-Serenity O'Neal

With international recognition for his musicianship, Dr. Lawrence Gwozdz brings to the University of Southern Mississippi talent and dedication to teaching and performing the saxophone.

"I credit my success to God," Gwozdz said. "Without His help and Guidance, I could not have been as successful and would not be where I am today."

Gwozdz began his musical career as many others do — in his hometown high school band. After deciding to pursue his talents, Gwozdz received his bachelor's degree in music education from The State College of New York Fredonia. This led to studying for a master's degree at The University of Nebraska and a doctoral degree from The University of Iowa.

After years of playing and studying, Gwozdz landed a position as professor of music at Southern Mississippi, where he has remained for the last sixteen years. During this long career, Gwozdz talents have brought him numerous awards and honors, as well as touring opportunities. During the summer of 1999, Gwozdz was selected to perform with the Thracia Summer Music Festival, where he was a featured soloist in the Plodiv Chamber Orchestra. As part of this festival, Gwozdz performed all over the world, including Beijing and Xi-an, China, and in Plodiv, Bulgaria.

While in Bulgaria, Gwozdz recorded the concertos of Alexandr Glazunov and Erland von Koch with the Plodiv Chamber Orchestra. This gives Gwozdz a total of three recordings to date, with two more in the works.

However, with all of these accomplishments, Gwozdz chooses performance in an American venue as his most cherished.

"The highest honor bestowed on me was the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in 1995," Gwozdz said.



Pictured above, Dr. Lawrence Gwozdz poses with his saxophone.

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Pictured above, Dr. Anthony Harris stands in front of Dr. Fleming's and his office.
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Dr. Anthony Harris

Story by

Naderia Washington and Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Although he is a new face to USM, Dr. Anthony Harris is definitely no stranger to Hattiesburg. Serving as the executive assistant to President Horace Fleming he brings to USM a rich history in academia and civil rights activism.

Born and raised in Hattiesburg, Harris spent much of his teenage years working with his family and friends to desegregate Hattiesburg.

"Between 1964, when I participated in Freedom Summer, to about 1971, is when I consider being most active in the civil rights movement," Harris said.

A scant nine years after the first African-American students were admitted to USM, Harris graduated from Southern Miss. He received a bachelor's degree in Spanish in 1974. He went on to earn a master's degree in counseling in 1975 from USM and a doctorate in counseling from Texas A&M - Commerce in 1982.

Harris then served as a professor, director of a counseling center and assistant to the president at Texas A&M - Commerce from 1983 to 1999, when he returned to USM to serve as executive assistant to President Fleming.

"I mostly serve as a facilitator on campus," Harris said. "I advise the president in certain matters, carry out special projects for him and supervise the office staff.

"I never know what might come across my desk," Harris continues. "Basically, whatever is on the President's agenda is on my agenda."

Though obviously busy with these duties, Harris hopes to return to teaching soon.

"I would like to teach at least one class for the Counseling and Psychology department," Harris said. "That is the department I taught in while I was at Texas A&M - Commerce and I would like to teach some of those classes here."

Because his family played such an active part in the civil rights movement, Dr. Harris appreciates and expresses the importance of an education.

"I am an unapologetic supporter of public education," Harris said.

Dr. Harris is currently completing a manuscript in which he tells of his experiences, entitled "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around: Recollections of the Civil Rights Movement in Hattiesburg, Mississippi".

F a c u l t y

Dr. Joe Olmi

Story by William Hand and Spring-Serenity O'Neal

Dr. Joe Olmi has been an associate professor of Psychology and Director of School of Psychology Center at the University of Southern Mississippi for the last seven years.

The College of Education and Psychology has the only outreach program for Forrest County Schools, thanks in part to Olmi's efforts. As Director of Pine Belt Caring For Kids Consortium, Olmi has received continuous funding through Mississippi State Department of Education grant which totals over \$120,000 dollars per year. This funding is used to provide comprehensive school psychological training for school personnel, children and families. According to Olmi, the most important aspects of teaching are professional training and practice of school psychology.

Olmi's work with counseling programs and his collaboration with home-schoolers reflects his interest in school-based behavioral interventions, compliance training, child behavior management and diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit disorders.

Olmi received his Bachelor's Degree from Mississippi State University, then taught English at American High School in Tehran Iran and earth science in Cleveland and Greenville, Mississippi. After teaching junior and senior high school for four years Olmi returned to graduate school, receiving a master's degree in educational psychology, school psychometry in 1981, Ed.S from University of Southwestern Louisiana in School Administration in 1998, and a Ph.D in School Psychology from Mississippi State University.



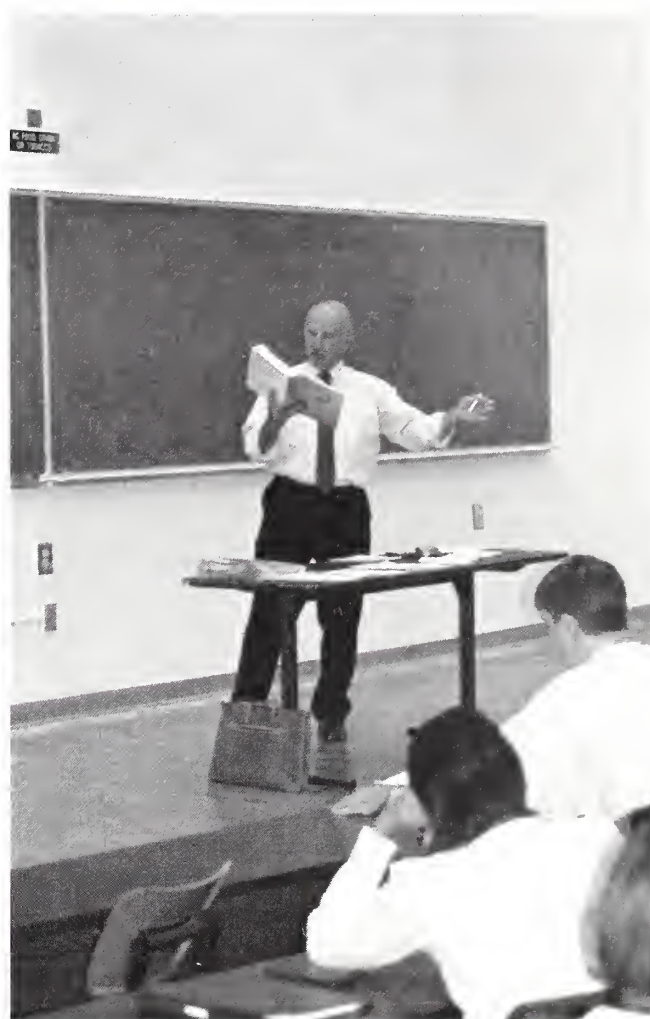
Pictured right, Dr. Joe Olmi smiles for the Southerner. Pictured above, Olmi gives a Psychology lecture.

Photography by Stephany Crutcher





Pictured left, Dr. Ron Puttoff relaxes before class. Below, it's hard not to stay awake in one of Puttoff's excentric Algebra lectures.
Photography by Lindsey Theobald



Ron Puttoff

Story by William Hand and Spring-Serenity O'Neil

With a passion for mathematics that shines through everything he does, Ron Puttoff brings math alive for the students at USM that pass through his classes. For most of students, math is the obstacle that stands between them and their degrees. For others, it is a love -- something that comes to them as easily as breathing. No matter which kind of students end up in his class, Puttoff makes every effort to give an understanding and an appreciation of math to his students.

Puttoff's sparkling sense of humor and ability to make even the most mind-boggling equation seem simple are only part of why his students enjoy his classes and make good grades -- it is his willingness to meet one on one with students and take the time to make sure that each student gets the time and attention needed to understand the problems that makes him an outstanding professor. It is common to walk through Joseph Greene Hall and see Puttoff standing outside a classroom, partially going over every detail of a student's homework.

Puttoff has been a math instructor at USM since 1983. Though Puttoff says that he has always wanted to teach math, he spent time as a Jesuit Priest and a loan officer after graduating with his math degree from Kansas State University. Since achieving his goal of becoming a math instructor, Puttoff received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1984 along with numerous academic awards for excellence in teaching math.

Each semester Puttoff teaches 300-500 students algebra, as well as teaching calculus. This prepares his students for degrees in many fields. "I have always wanted to teach math in a way that was clear to students."

After a full career of making students sigh with relief when they found they could, in fact tackle the math-monster, Puttoff is planning to retire next year so he can commit himself full-time to caring for a 50 acre farm.

F a c u l t y

Story by Racheal Kennedy

Entering A New Millennium

A year has gone by since last you heard from me, and what a year it has been. My sophomore year is much different from my freshman year because, instead on trying everything I possibly can, I have settled down and focused on things that are most important to me, such as academics and certain activities like the SGA philanthropy committee that I am a member of. For me, my sophomore year has been one of great change. I have changed my major from broadcast journalism to speech-language pathology. The idea of helping children appeals to me, and I'd love to make a difference in the lives of children.

Also this year my campus activities have grown, and I have become more involved with the organizations I am in. My involvement has been a wonderfully rewarding experience knowing the difference my small contribution to the community is making. I have been inducted into Lambda Sigma, a sophomore honor society, where I am co-editor of our newsletter and the national newsletter. I continue to be active in my sorority, Delta Delta Delta, where I am a member of the academic committee and participate in all our events.

Last summer I participated in the USM British Studies Program. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I could not pass up. I took the World War II History course and now have a better understanding of the war and what the men who fought and died in it went through. This was a very emotional experience that I will never forget. A foreign country was a great environment to live in, almost just like my freshman year, because I did not know many people and I had to make new friends to whom I later became close.

Last year everything was new and exciting, and I made new friends everyday. However, this year has been very different because many of my friends have moved and our group dynamic has changed. I believe that is a characteristic of the sophomore year for anybody, the inevitability of growing apart from people you do not get to spend time with, yet becoming closer to people you never thought you would be close to.

Now that I have established myself in my college life, I feel that I have ample time to grow as a student, a person, a scholar and a Christian. If my freshman year was a time for the new and exciting, my sophomore year will be a time for me learn to appreciate the old and established and to mature in everything I do.





Pictured on the left, Racheal Kennedy reclines at her job in Joe Paul's office. Center picture was taken while at break from her duties. Pictured above, Kennedy studies for her sophomore classes.

Photos by Lindsey Theobald

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time to grow as a student,
a person, a scholar and a
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--Racheal Kennedy

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 Leigh Abbey.....Hattiesburg
 Sabir Abdul-Haqq.....Gloster
 Jill Abernathy.....Biloxi
 Deena Abney.....Moss Point
 Jason Adams.....Hattiesburg



Tomaz Adams.....Jackson
 Rebecca Adkins.....Pearl
 Ember Ahua.....Hattiesburg
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 Amanda Alejandro.....Gulfport
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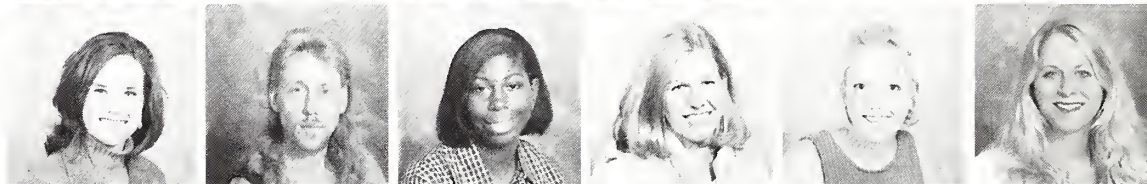
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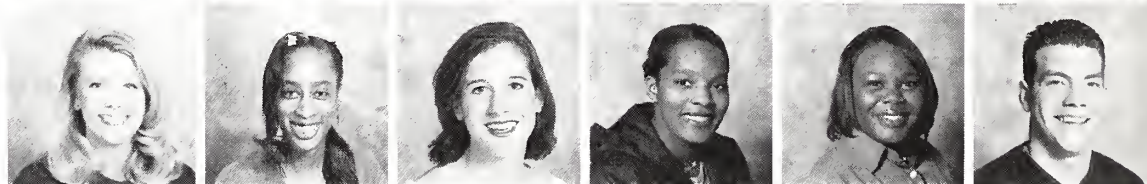
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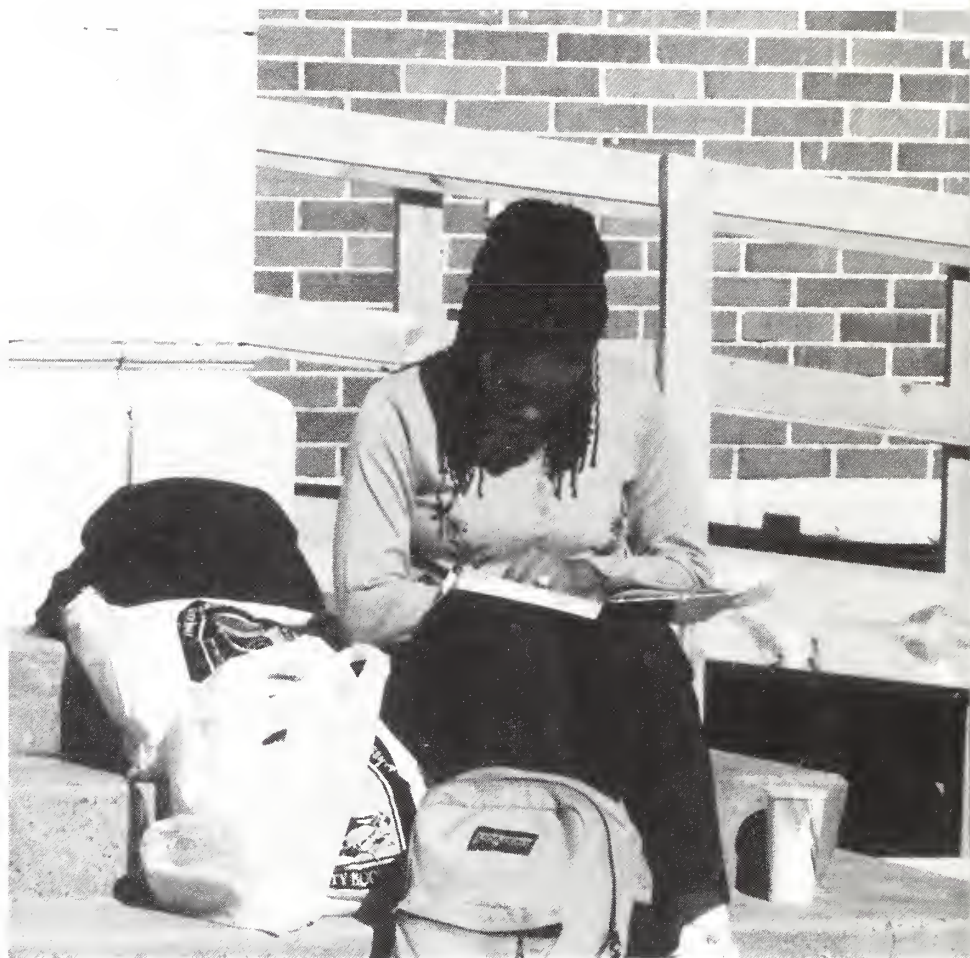
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Undergraduates

Even with the new construction work going on around campus, this student still finds it easy to study in front of the hub.

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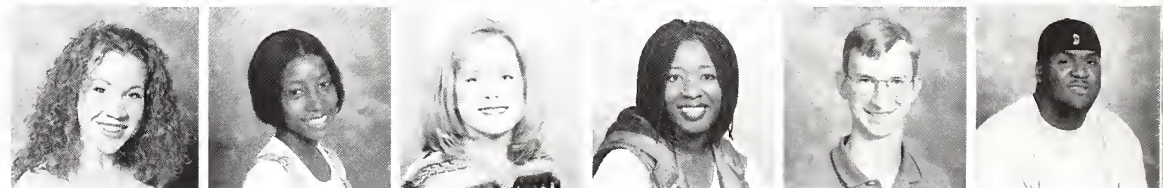
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Jeremy Bridges.....McComb





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 Kenneth Buller..... Madison

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 B. J. Cain..... Monticello
 Josh Caldwell..... Ridgeland

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Dan Carver.....Jackson
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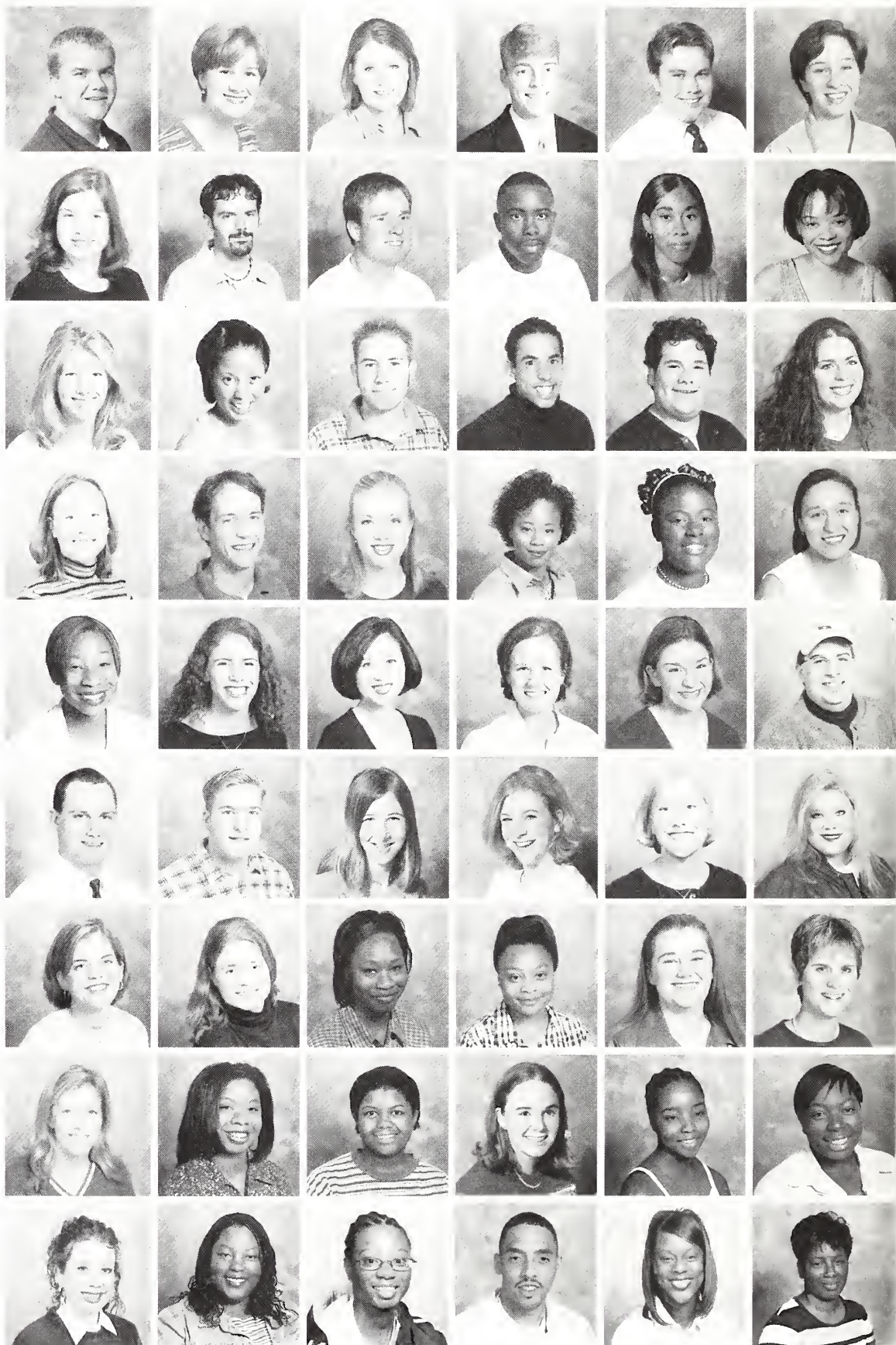
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Nancy Daniels..... Brookhaven
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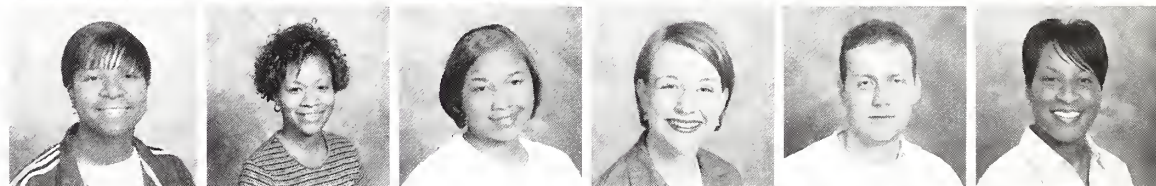
Freshman Johnathan Davis
the war scene cautiously during the combat
games of Ranger Day.

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Jennifer Davis..... Jackson
Keri Davis..... Pascagoula



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William Davis..... Purvis
Veronica Dawson..... Jackson



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Whitney Dennis..... Pineville, LA





A rock band from New Orleans, Bag of Donuts, performs at the pep rally for USM's Homecoming

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Kelly Deornellas.....Foxworth
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Traete Dyson.....Glen

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Robin Ebert..... Greensboro
Sharetha Edwards..... Weir
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Claudia Ellis..... Picayune
Jody Ellis..... Biloxi
Rebecca Ellis..... Collins
Kevin Enns..... Madison
Bernard Estes..... Louisville



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Derek Evens..... Carriere
James Evans..... Petal
Jillian Evans..... Wiggins
Lashunda Evans..... Hattiesburg
Kristy Ezell..... Pearl



Quentin Fairley..... Collins
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Jamie Foster..... Magee
Shannon Fouse..... Hattiesburg
Jen Fowler..... Fiver Ridge, LA
Priscilla Fox..... Jackson
Trey Fox..... Yazoo City
Brandy Fraiser..... Jackson



Jade Fraiser..... Hattiesburg
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Heather Free..... Perkinston
Kimberly Freeman..... Brookhaven
Timothy Friday..... Selma, AL
Amy Frye..... Ocean Springs





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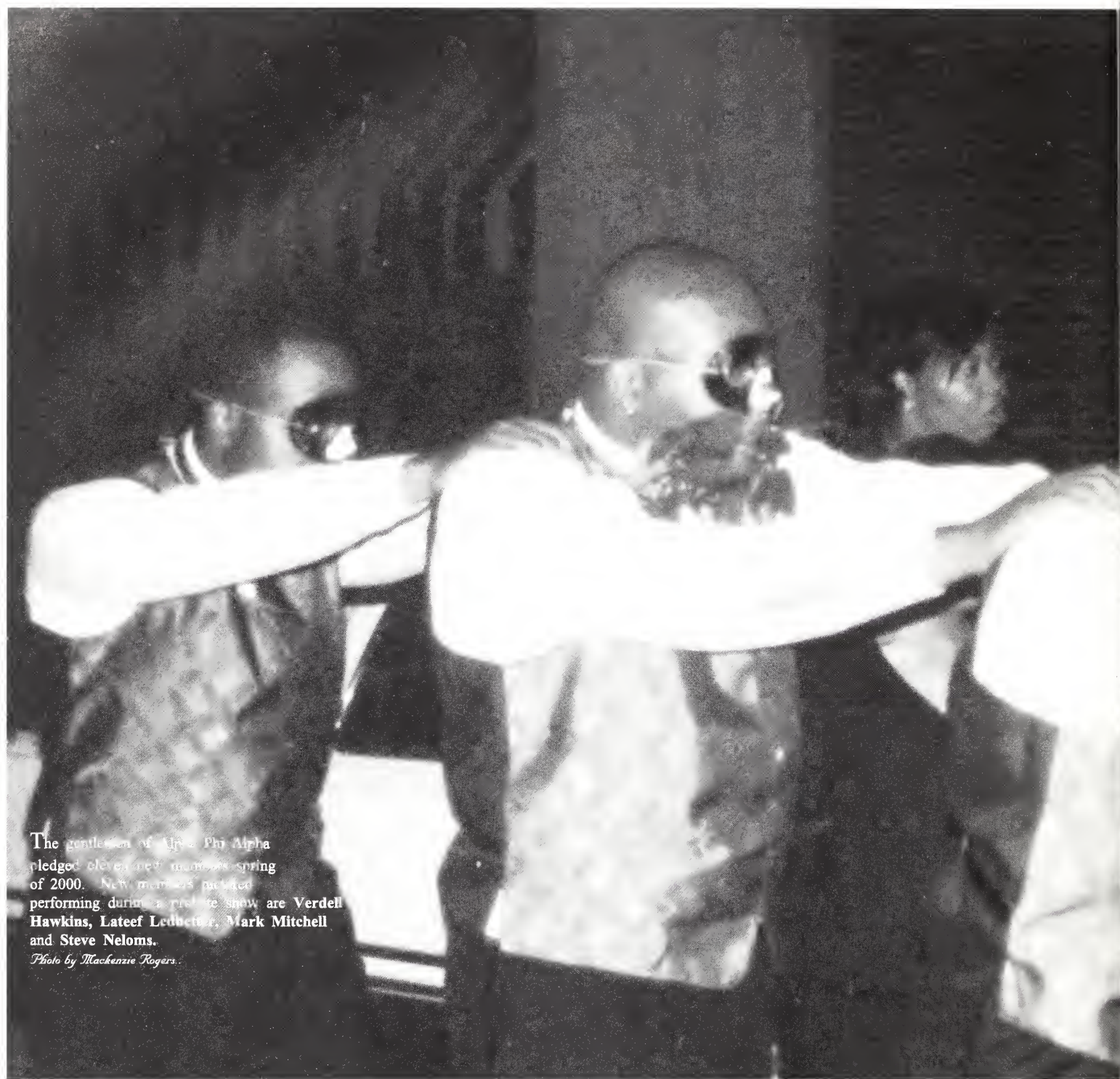
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The gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha pledged eleven new members spring of 2000. New members pictured performing during a pledge show are Verdell Hawkins, Lateef Ledbetter, Mark Mitchell and Steve Neloms.

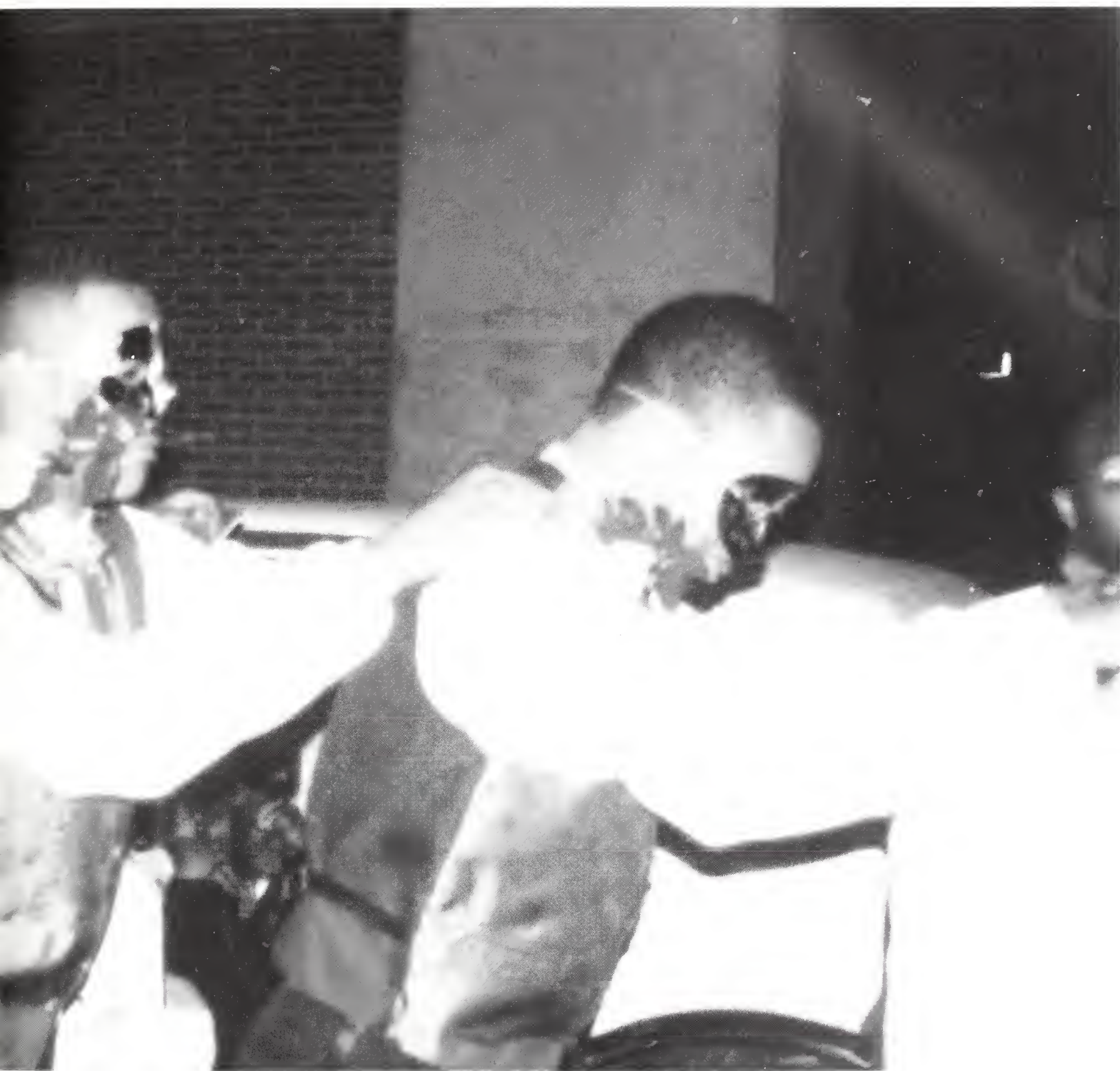
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LeTina Guice.....Fayette
Josh Gulley.....Grand Prairie, TX
Margaret Hames.....Metairie, LA
Lori Hale.....Tuscaloosa, AL
Jaime Haley.....Crystal Springs





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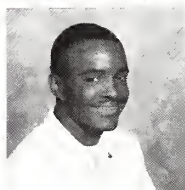
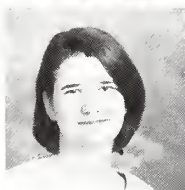


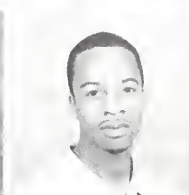
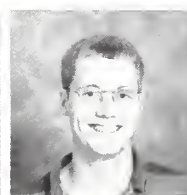
USM's Dixie Darlings' performances at campus rallies help to get the crowd excited. The Dixie Darlings are a dance team that perform during half-time at the football games.
Photo by Isaac Roberts.

Jennifer Hanks.....Forest
 Tabitha Hanson.....Milanville, PA
 Leola Haralson.....Picayune
 Nathana Hardaway.....Meridian
 Jeremy Hardy.....Wiggins
 Meredith Hargis.....Houston, TX



Tracy Harkreader.....Kenner, LA
 Katrina Harley.....Winona
 Anthony Harper.....Hattiesburg
 Chad Harper.....Metairie, LA
 Daniel Harrington.....Madison
 Catherine Harris.....Carthage





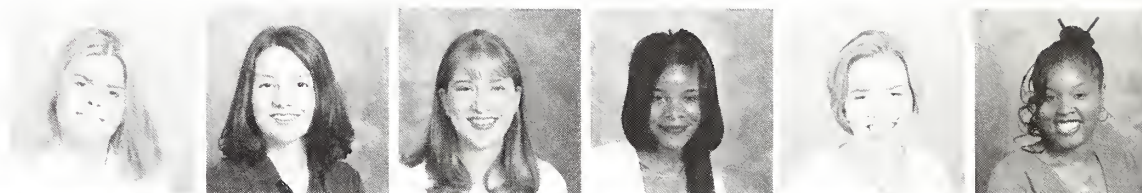
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Michele Harrison..... Waynesboro
Jovonna Hart..... Canton
Latasha Harvey..... Brandon
Ben Hawkins..... Biloxi
Verdell Hawkins..... Natchez



Vincent Hatten..... Purvis
Nina Hayes..... Heidelberg
Courtney Haynes..... Southaven
Russ Hazlip..... Natchez
Jaymie Heard..... Wesson
John Hebert..... Kiln

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Erica Heckenkemper.....New Orleans, LA
Jennifer Heideman.....Ocean Springs
Aimee Henderson.....Lucedale
Racheal Hendricks.....Jackson
Carrie Henley.....Florence
Courtney Henry.....Meridian



William Hess.....Metairie, LA
Judy Hession.....Petal
Jennifer Hester.....Roxie
Stewart Hester.....Natchez
Holly Hicks.....Biloxi
Jim Hicks.....Philadelphia



Laura Hicks.....Biloxi
LaWanda Hicks.....Crystal Springs
Peter Hicks.....Hernando
Jennifer Higdon.....Richland
Diana Hill.....Purvis
Lori Hill.....Madison



Vashaundra Hill.....Yazoo City
Lauren Hillman.....Brandon
Katie Hinkle.....Mobile, AL
Hollie Hilton.....Mendenhall
Teresa Hines.....Jackson
Corey Hinshaw.....Laurel



Heather Hinton.....Pearl
Jeff Hinton.....Ridgeland
Tiffany Hodges.....Carrollton
Heather Holder.....Picayune
Nicole Hollomon.....Woodville
Leslie Holloway.....Hattiesburg



Dawn Holmes.....Clarksdale
Jessieca Holmes.....Richmond
Tracy Holmes.....Vicksburg
Katie Holston.....Mobile, AL
Daniel Homedes.....Barcelona, Spain
Layton Hood.....Hattiesburg



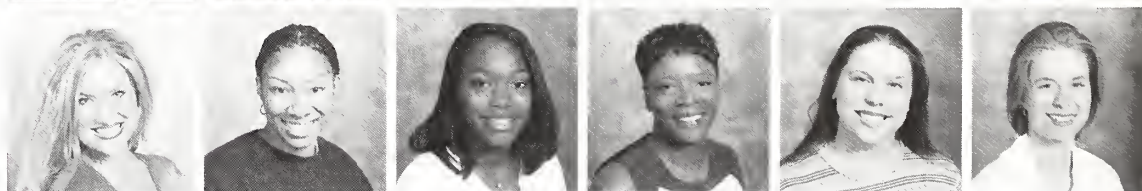
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Kawauna Hopkins.....Louisville
Alexandra Hornsby.....Biloxi
Ethel Horton.....McComb
Demetrice Hoskins.....Jackson
Kamecia Hoskins.....Jackson



Kevin Howard.....Lumberton
LePetra Howard.....Greenwood
Jonathan Howe.....Ponchatoula, LA
Jacqueline Hoze.....Quitman
Blair Hubbard.....Jonesboro, AR
Temeika Hubbard.....Jackson



Burgundy Hubbert.....Gulfport
Arnika Hughes.....Crest Covina, CA
Carla Hughes.....Greenville
Kimberly Hughes.....Bay Springs
Heather Hungerford.....Ocean Springs
Blyther Hunsberger.....Ridgeland





Students find time during lunch to look at some of the arts and crafts being sold in the Union. Pictured left, two students browse through a stack of posters.

Photo by Lindsey Townsend

Undergraduates

Richard Hunt.....Vicksburg
Faith Hurst.....Moss Point
Yasmeen Husam.....Yazoo City
Jona Husband.....Jackson
Brandie Hutson.....Hollandale
Parker Inabnet.....Slidell, LA



Andrew Ince.....Blue Ridge, TX
Makalah Ingram.....Sumrall
Wesley Inman.....Ocean Springs
Sarah Irby.....Mobile, AL
Sonja Isler.....Shaw
Aaron Ivy.....Taylor



Lateisha Ivy.....Oxford
Deatrice Jackson.....Gulfport
Dorothy Jackson.....Monticello
Kewan Jackson.....Jackson
LaShandra Jackson.....Magnolia
Orad Jackson.....Hattiesburg



Phillip Jackson.....Moss Point
Rashad Jackson.....New Orleans, LA
Shunya Jackson.....Jackson
Yolanda Jackson.....McComb
Kimberly Jacobs.....Bassfield
Niki Jacobsen.....Columbus



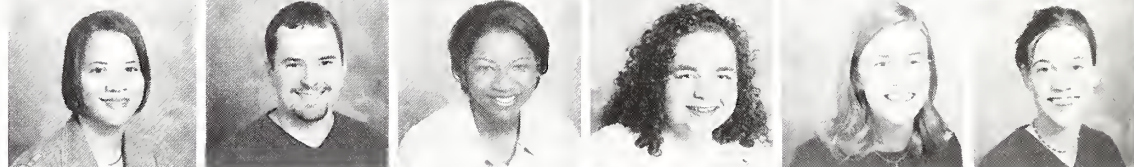
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Jillian James.....Moss Point
Oscar James.....Jackson
Alfred Jamison.....Marks
Tamekka Jamison.....Jackson



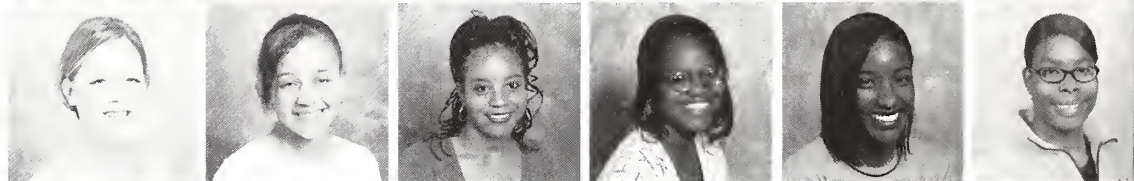
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Renee Jarvis.....Picayune
Amelia Jefferson.....Hattiesburg
Cliff Jeffery.....Vicksburg
Artrina Jenkins.....Jays
Melisa Jenkins.....Jayess



Pamela Jenkins.....Shuqualak
Shannon Jenkins.....Gulfport
Tamara Jenkins.....Pearl
Danielle Joachim.....Metairie, LA
Stephanie Jobes.....Charlotte, NC
Julie Joffrion.....Hattiesburg



April Johnson.....Saraland, AL
Carrie Johnson.....Wiggins
Crystal Johnson.....Newton
Darcia Johnson.....Hazlehurst
Keisha Johnson.....Hammond, LA
Kentrice Johnson.....Columbus



Kina Johnson.....Jackson
LaShundra Johnson.....Jackson
LaTara Johnson.....Tunica
Latrecia Johnson.....Hickory
Leslie Johnson.....McComb
Melissa Johnson.....Canton





Michelle Johnson..... Canton
Teresa Johnson..... Jackson
Yale Johnson..... Jackson
Yomeka Johnson..... Jackson
Valerie Joiner..... Biloxi
Angela Jones..... Jackson

Candace Jones..... Magnolia
Christa Jones..... Fayetteville, GA
Heashia Jones..... Greenville
Erin Jones..... Huntsville, AL
Jamal Jones..... Hattiesburg
Katy Jones..... Clinton

Shawn Jones..... Jackson
Yaron Kaplan..... Staten Island, NY
Nancy Karrick..... Atmore, AL
Adam Keaton..... Bogalusa, LA
Mignon Keaton..... Ponchatoula, LA
Carnetta Keeton..... Moss Point

Jamie Keller..... Mobile, AL
Karen Kelly..... Ocean Springs
Kathryn Kelly..... Ocean Springs
Brian Kennedy..... Mendenhall
Dani Kennedy..... Laurel
Rachel Kennedy..... Angie, LA

Haratio Keys..... Durant
Kareesa Keys..... Seminary
Marsha Keys..... Forest
Nicole Keys..... Jackson
Sheladia Kidd..... Hattiesburg
Melissa Kilpatrick..... Ocean Springs

Amanda King..... Petal
Charles King..... Vancleave
Dustin King..... Bogue Chitto
Connie Kitzman..... New Orleans, LA
Daphne Knight..... Jackson
LaToya Knight..... Jackson

Antoinette Konz..... Milwaukee, WI
Andrea Krell..... Hattiesburg
Kimberly Kringler..... Mobile, AL
Kelly Kuluz..... Biloxi
Setsuko Kuzume..... Japan
Amanda LaFrance..... Kiln

Brandye Lamas..... Biloxi
Lisa Landry..... Hattiesburg
Rachel Landry..... Vicksburg
Jillian Lane..... Magee
Mathew Lang..... Metairie, LA
Chris Langston..... Magee

Steffany Lapointe..... Bristol, RI
Nesha Larkin..... Meridian
Erniec Larry..... Pearl
Alesha Laster..... Bay Springs
LaCheryl Latham..... Louisville
Betina Latiker..... Carthage

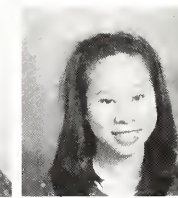
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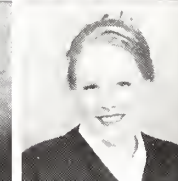
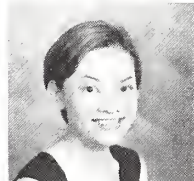
USM's finest pictured here. A campus police officer keeps watch as students enjoy music and laughter at the fountain.

Photo by Stephanie M. Outhouse

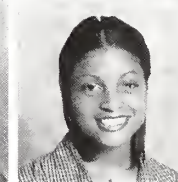
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Angie Laube..... Pace, FL
T J. Lawrence..... Pascogoula
April Lawson..... Raymond
Terry Lawson..... Enterprise
Kim Le..... Biloxi



Linda Le..... Pas Christian
Stacey LeBlanc..... Kenner, LA
Bozena Ledic-Puric..... Seminary
Kenya Lee..... Lumberton
Kimberly Lee..... Bassfield
Robin Lee..... Lucedale



Susan Lee..... Roxie
Vija Lee..... Raymond
Zinnette Lee..... McComb
Kimetra Leggins..... Moss Point
Charla Lenard..... Tylertown





Members of The Pride encourage Golden Eagles to rouse themselves for the game.



Akilah Lewis..... Meridian
Casey Lewis..... Meridian
Chavella Lewis.....Franklinton, LA
Donayon Lewis.....Brandon
Gayrielle Lewis.....Pass Christian
Kyle Lewis.....Jackson

Lergh Lewis.....Petal
Na-Tashia.....McComb
Rebecca Lewis.....Hammond, LA
Shayla Lewis.....Jackson
Camillus Liddell.....Moss Point
Celso Lima.....Hattiesburg

Marie Lindberg.....Sweeden
Jami Linton.....Petal
Jessica Loflin.....Florence
Sarah Logan.....Pascagoula
LaToya Loggett.....Hattiesburg
Jeremy Long.....Moss Point

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Southern Miss teammates congratulate one another after a well-executed play.

Photo by Mike Russell



Nijia Longino... Terry
 Kristy Lossett... Picayune
 Josh Lott... Foxworth
 Stefani Lott... Seminary
 Christy Love... Jackson
 Kimberly Love... Jackson

LeTonya Love... Moss Point
 Rashida Love... Olympia, WA
 Shannon Love... Biloxi
 Yolanda Love... Grenada
 Lindsey Lucas... Goodman
 Kim Luong... Bilxoi

Dana Lucquire... Meridian
 Tameka Luster... Macon
 Corey Lytle... Fairhope, AL
 Dede Lytle... Collins
 Keshia Madison... Jackson
 Alicia Magee... Gulfport

Ed Magenheimer... Philadelphia, PA
 Kari Magill... Chalmeth, LA
 Jennifer Mahaggey... Hattiesburg
 Andrew Maher... Covington, LA
 Emily Maher... Baton Rouge, LA
 Lauren Mahoney... Mandeville, LA

Marci Maiorana... Chalmette, LA
 Erin Majure... Gautier
 Kevyn Malpass... Biloxi
 Daniel Mann... Mobile, AL
 Natalie Mann... Purvis
 Tara Marasco... Metairie, LA

Cecil Marion... Holly Springs
 Jennifer Mars... Gautier
 Timothy Marsh... Jackson
 Michael Martin... Carriere
 Rachel Martin... Clinton
 Mariano Martinez... Marrero, LA

Robin Mason... Waveland
 Jack Matheny... Hattiesburg
 Christer Matthews... Clinton
 Cynthia Matthews... Columbus
 Marlo Matthews... Louisville
 Reginald Matthews... Liberty

Shaughney Matthews... Hattiesburg
 Jennifer May... Columbus
 Zachary Mayberry... Gulfport
 Shelly McArthur... Clinton
 Mario McCallister... Braxton
 Jemina McCarter... Biloxi

Michael McCarty... Clinton
 Tiandra McClarron... Tacoma, WA
 Latoya McClung... Brooksville
 Allison McClure... Jackson
 Raven McCoy... Brandon
 Shelley McCullough... Ruth

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Stephanie Sterling pulls out all the stops for her Halloween Carnival outfit.



Andrea McDaniel.....Seminary
 April McDaniel.....Mobile, AL
 Dustin McDaniel.....Tylertown
 Brandi McDonald.....Waynesboro
 Garey McDonald.....Hebron
 Jason McDonald.....Waynesboro

Jessica McDonald.....Lelandy
 LeShondra McDonald.....Meridian
 Mary McDonald.....Brandon
 Syretta McDonald.....Lena
 Virginia McElhaney.....Mobile, AL
 Henry McFarlin.....Hattiesburg

Julie McGehee.....Jackson
 Tremaine McGehee.....Southfield, MI
 Angela McGuire.....Tupelo
 Amber McIlwain.....Waynesboro
 Leslie McInnis.....Mobile, AL
 LaShanakah McKelphin.....Greenville

Miranda McKenzie.....Quitman
 K'Lynne McKinley.....Sandersville
 Jason McKeown.....Forest
 Millicent McKnight.....Columbia
 Kamesha McLaurin.....Jackson
 Aleshia McLemore.....Brandon

Keila McNeal.....Jackson
 Lemika McPhearson.....Edwards
 Jennifer McPhail.....Prentiss
 Alesha McQuarters.....Lauderdale
 Matt McQueen.....Pearl River, LA
 Chris McRae.....Picayune

Leila McReynolds.....Evansville, In
 Jennifer McShane.....Mobile, AL
 Krissy Meadows.....Hattiesburg
 Lori Meadows.....Gulfport
 Richie Means.....Puckett
 Rachel Megison.....Slidell, LA

Michelle Melnick.....Cordova, TN
 Crytal Melton.....New Orleans, LA
 Michelle Menzie.....Batesville
 Jennifer Mertens.....Richton
 John Mertens.....Richton
 Lori Meshew.....Gulfport

Clare Methvin.....Jackson
 Colleen Methvin.....Birmingham, AL
 Georgia Michelli.....Diamondhead
 Sarah Middleton.....Daphney, AL
 LaRenda Miles.....Port Gibson
 Bethany Miller.....Holcomb

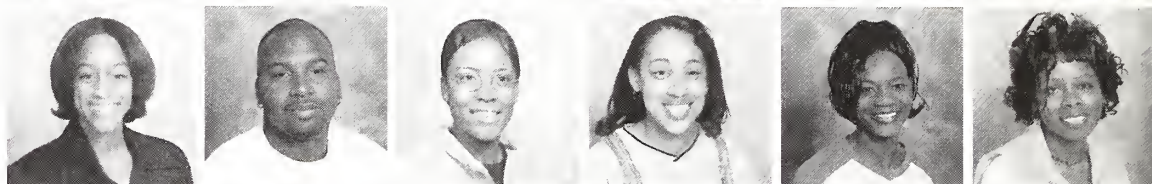
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 Kyle Miller.....Orlando, FL
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 Rebecca Miller.....Jackson
 Zaneta Miller.....McComb
 Jared Millet.....Covington, LA

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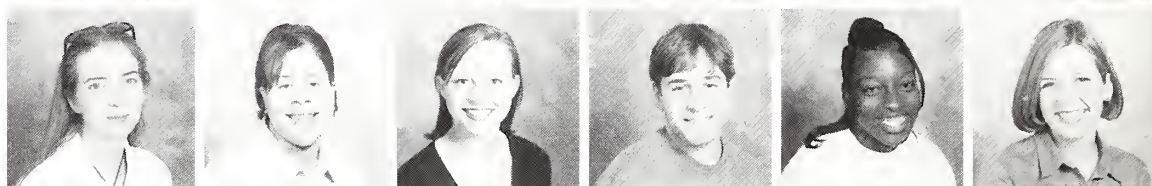
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Aaron Miscally..... Pineville
Ben Mitcham..... Hattiesburg
Charity Mitchell..... D'Iberville



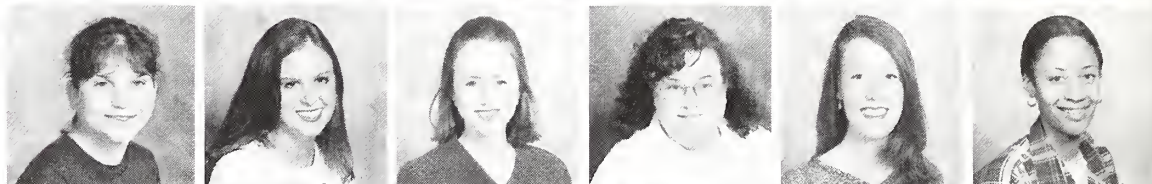
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Angela Mixon..... Magnolia
Keshaia Monroe..... Gulfport
Dixie Moody..... Hattiesburg
Daire Moore..... Bogue Chitto



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Kimberly Moore..... Grenada
Lezlie Moore..... Magee
William Moore..... Hattiesburg
Najla Moore..... Flushing
Amanda Moorehead..... Mobile, AL



Vicky Morales..... St. Bernard, LA
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Shelly Morrow..... Gulfport
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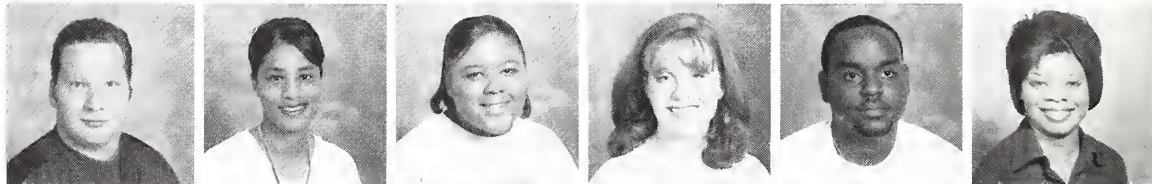
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Steve Mosley..... Meridian
Jeanne Mouriz..... Harvey, LA
Charity Mulhern..... Mobile
Kristofor Mullinax..... Biloxi
Suzanne Mullis..... Mobile, AL



Lori Murphy..... Moss Point
Alicia Murray..... Soso
Brooke Murray..... Clinton
Seth Muse..... Hattiesburg
LaTosha Myers..... Hattiesburg
Mendy Myers..... Brandon



Ricky Myers..... Picayune
Shronda Myers..... Raymond
Sonya Myers..... Picayune
Mandy Nabors..... Forest
Jwon Nathaniel..... Magnolia
Lanita Neal..... Jackson



Haley Ncaise..... Gulfport
Adam Neighbors..... Birmingham, AL
Jason Nelson..... Slidell, LA
Jennifer Nelson..... Petal
Paul Nelson..... New Orleans
Shana Nelson..... McComb



Tamara Nelson..... McComb
Allison Neville..... Pascagoula
Joseph Newman..... Brandon
Kimberly Newman..... Washington, MO
Leshe Newsome..... Hattiesburg
Liah Nguyen..... Hattiesburg





Joel Nichols.....Hattiesburg
 Shenika Nichols.....Terry
 Gian Nicholson.....Hattiesburg
 LaBell Nicholson.....Oakvale
 Charity Nix.....Slidell, LA
 Nichole Nixon.....Biloxi

Vernita Nobles.....Vossburg
 Latesha Norwood.....Pascagoula
 Kristen Nunez.....Slidell, LA
 Miki Odagiri.....Japan
 Colleen O'Dwyer.....Gautier
 Shana Ogle.....Hattiesburg

David Oliver.....Long Beach
 Tyra Oliver.....Laurel
 Spring-Serenity O'Neal.....Hattiesburg
 Gwentyth O'Quinn.....Perkinston
 Lesley O'Regan.....Hattiesburg
 LaKandra Orr.....Macon

Jana Osbey.....Fort Hood, TX
 Garriek Osby.....Jackson
 Jamie Osby.....Meridian
 Adria Outlaw.....Tupelo
 Sabrina Overmier.....Covington, LA
 Jessica Owens.....Sandy Hook

Keisha Owens.....Hattiesburg
 Orglenda Owens.....Florence
 Yolanda Owens.....Jackson
 Jeff Paczak.....Brandon
 Charles Page.....West Monroe, LA
 Veronica Page.....Taylorsville

Annie Palensky.....Slidell, LA
 Arica Palmer.....Jackson
 Sarah Palmer.....Greenville
 Megan Pankiewicz.....Meridian
 Jessica Parist.....Clinton
 Michael Parnell.....Lucedale

Paul Parrish.....Carthage
 Kelundria Patrick.....Forest
 Angela Patterson.....Lubbock, TX
 Talia Patterson.....Jackson
 Terrell Paul.....Troy, AL
 Joseph Paul.....Monterey, LA

Jessica Pearce.....Waveland
 Brooke Pennington.....Madison
 Summer Penton.....Picayune
 Brandi Perry.....Columbia
 Shawnese Perry.....Clinton
 Anna Louise Petro.....Madison

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 Brant Pettis.....Wiggins
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 Monie Phillips.....Petal
 Tamr Phillips.....Union
 Tracey Phillips.....Hattiesburg

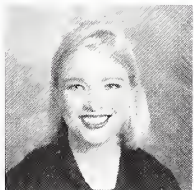
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Sensational R&B group, Jagged Edge performed a concert for USM. The concert was presented by the UAC and SGA.

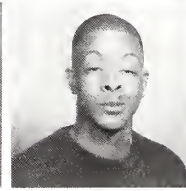
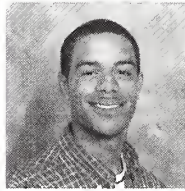
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Tiffany Piazza.....Jackson
Joni Pierce.....Philadelphia
Lauren Pigott.....Picayune
Sharon Pipkins.....Beaumont
Alicia Pittman.....Brandon
Elizabeth Place.....Opelousas, LA



Alyssa Plemmons.....Huntsville, AL
Derrick Polk.....Shubuta
Natisha Polk.....Mt. Olive
Terence Polk.....Hattiesburg
Eddie Pope.....Brookhaven
Gabriel Pope.....Utica

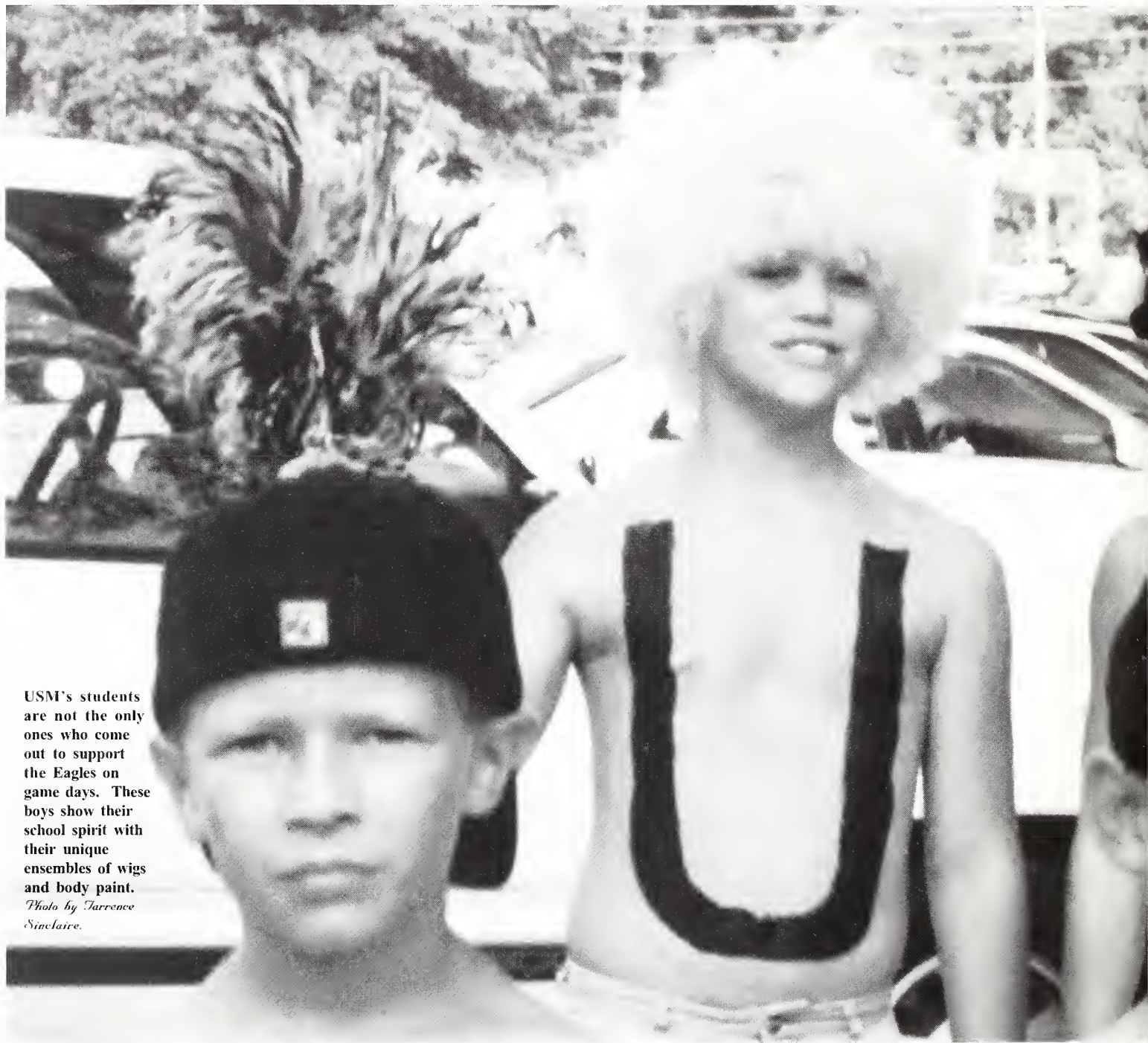




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Donna Porter.....	Basfield
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Michelle Porter.....	Brookhaven
Tiffany Porter.....	Vicksburg

Tameka Porter.....	Summit
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Ronica Powell.....	Jackson
Celia Powers.....	Laurel

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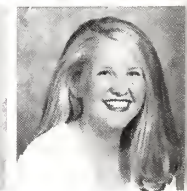
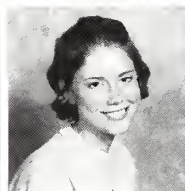
USM's students are not the only ones who come out to support the Eagles on game days. These boys show their school spirit with their unique ensembles of wigs and body paint.

Photo by Tarrence Sinclair.

Ashlee Presley.....Laurel
Shawndra Price.....Madison
Stacy Price.....Saucier
Stephanie Price.....Summit
Theresa Pridemore.....Jackson
Jennifer Priest.....Slidell, LA



Kayla Procell.....Shreveport, LA
Latrice Prude.....Hattiesburg
Amanda Puckett.....Amory
LaQuita Pugh.....Jackson
John Purser.....New Orleans, LA
Jennifer Quarles.....Madison





Jason Quigley.....	Meridian
Kimberly Quinn.....	Cedar Bluff
Brent Quinn.....	Jackson
Olivia Quinn.....	Vaneleave
Tiffany Quinn.....	Jackson
Olivia Rachal.....	Hattiesburg

Gabriel Radav.....	Jackson
Rebecca Raeck.....	Perkinston
Vonetta Ragwar.....	Kenya
Ashley Rainey.....	Meridian
Juanita Rainey.....	Petal
Johnny Randall.....	Jackson

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Ashley Rankin.....Jackson
Stephanie Rankin.....Magee
Cameika Rankins.....Jackson
Jasmine Rash.....Greenville
Melanie Rassier.....Hattiesburg
Rachel Ratcliff.....Jackson



Shenikki Ratliff.....Tylertown
Gretchen Rau.....Ellensburg, WA
Tina Rautajoki.....Helsinki, Finland
Adam Ray.....Slidell, LA
Alex Ray.....Vicksburg
Gretchen Ray.....Ellensburg, WA



Kristy Ray.....Buckatunna
Ann Rayburne.....Texarkan, AR
Daniel Reber.....Marietta, GA
Cassandra Redmond.....Vicksburg
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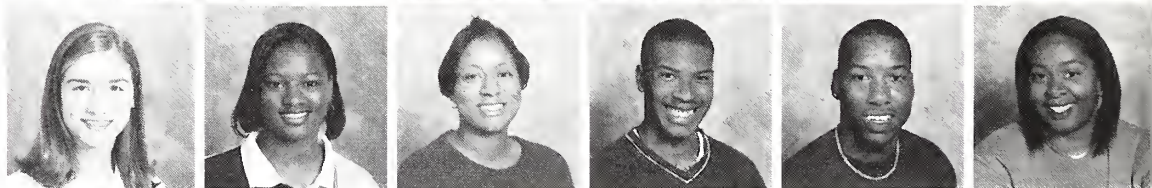
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Amber Reeves.....Pascagoula
Micheal Reeves.....Forest
Shelley Reeves.....Mobile, AL
Michelle Reid.....Hattiesburg
Stacie Reid.....Jayess



Amy Reynold.....Liberty
Rebecca Reynolds.....Water Valley
Shernisha Reynolds.....Mayersville
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Beth Richards.....Meridian
Leslie Richards.....Pascagoula



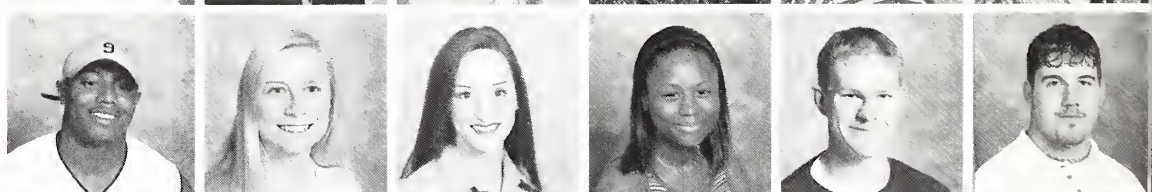
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Joyce Roberson.....Monticello



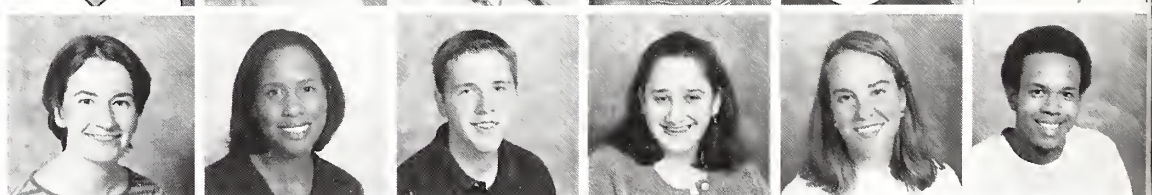
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Sarah Roberts.....Hattiesburg
Brian Robinson.....Atlanta, GA
Christy Robinson.....Petal



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Leslie Robinson.....Cleveland
Tara Robinson.....Magee
Tawanna Robinson.....Jackson
Sam Robinson.....Marrero, LA
Joshua Rodgers.....Hattiesburg



Patti Rodgers.....McCool
Sabrina Rodgers.....Greenville
Joshua Rogers.....Hattiesburg
Amy Romano.....New Orleans, LA
Misty Rondeau.....Fairhope, AL
Keith Roscoe.....Waynesboro





Clyde Rose.....Meridian
Katherine Rosetti.....Biloxi
Dajana Ross.....Gulfport
Mary Rougelot.....Westwego, LA
Ayla Ruffin.....Meridian
Anthony Rando.....Brookhaven

Kristie Russell.....Purvis
Sammy Rutherford.....Hattiesburg
Arthur Ryals.....Covington, LA
Holly Ryan.....River Ridge, LA
Safwat Saleem.....Sialokt, Pakistan
Weylander Sampson.....Natchez

Christina Sandifer.....Pearl
Jason Sanford.....Laurel
Shuichi Sato.....Tokyo, Japan
Amanda Satterwhite.....Meridian
Tyra Saucier.....Taylorsville
Nashaat Sayed.....Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Leonard Scardino.....Columbia
Erin Schmidt.....Hattiesburg
Stephen Schlautman.....Lumberton

Tom Schoolar.....Brandon
Michele Schowalter.....Port Washington, WI
Jessica Schwartz.....Bay St. Louis
Melanie Scott.....McComb
Kristi Scott.....Bay Springs
Christa Scruggs.....Ellisville

Chad Seals.....Lucedale
Kendra Seals.....Moss Point
Brian Sellers.....Ellisville
Stephanie Sellier.....Waveland
Adam Sencenbaugh.....Hattiesburg
Holly Senn.....Ridgeland

Takiko Serizawa.....Hattiesburg
Steve Severson.....Ocean Springs
Dennis Shadrack.....Kiln
Louise Sharpe.....Forest
Sharrieffah Sharrieff.....Brookhaven
Tiffany Shaw.....Carroll

Klodiana Shehi.....Hattiesburg
Sean Sheehy.....Huntsville, AL
Betsy Sheffield.....Picayune
Ramone Shelby.....Brookhaven
Kendra Shell.....Grenada
Erica Shelton.....Columbia

Rachel Shelton.....Hattiesburg
Christopher Shepherd.....Summit
Erica Sherrill.....Sumrall
Elizabeth Slirk.....Columbia, SC
Donald Shirley.....Ridgeland
Chris Shoemaker.....Petal

Undergraduates



Pictured right, the Plaza Cafe hosts many nationalities of students. It is located between McCain and Cook Libraries.

Photo by Max Renner Rogers



Marcus Shorts..... Bassfield
 Suzanne Shows..... Ridgeland
 Brook Simmermand..... Hattiesburg
 Desiree Simmons..... Poplarville
 Michelle Simmons..... Brandon
 Melinda Simmons..... Hot Springs, AR

Samantha Simmons..... Springville, AL
 Tiffany Simpson..... Gulfport
 Diedra Sims..... Jackson
 Melissa Sims..... Hollandale
 Hope Sinclair..... Crowley, LA
 Claudia Singleton..... Yazoo City

Shay Singley..... Laurel
 Alice Siqueira..... Slidell, LA
 Donald Skaggs..... Kennesaw, GA
 Jason Skimetti..... Biloxi
 Dallas Skinner..... Magee
 Sandi Skupien..... Biloxi

Susan Slobodnikova..... Madison
 John Smalley..... Birmingham, AL
 Russell Smart..... Hattiesburg
 Adam Smith..... Hattiesburg
 Auyana Smith..... Summit
 Cherrie Smith..... Jackson

Christine Smith..... Brentwood, England
 Donna Smith..... Bassfield
 Donna Smith..... McComb
 Gloria Smith..... Isola
 Heather Smith..... Brookhaven
 Jamie Smith..... Baton Rouge, LA

Jennifer Smith..... Birmingham, AL
 Jessica Smith..... Poplarville
 Jonathan Smith..... Riverview, FL
 Kathryn Smith..... Jackson, AL
 Kewanna Smith..... Louise
 Latasha Smith..... Caseyville

Laura Smith..... Canton
 Napoleon Smith..... Jackson
 Nicole Smith..... Orlando, FL
 Ryan Smith..... Hattiesburg
 Shannon Smith..... Hattiesburg
 Stacia Smith..... Jackson

Stephanie Smith..... Hazlehurst
 Stephen Smith..... Hattiesburg
 Tarhaire Smith..... Jackson
 Teressa Smith..... McComb
 Timothy Smith..... Thibodaux, LA
 Amy Snelling..... Slidell, LA

Rachel Sones..... Diamondhead
 Libbie Sonnier..... Ocean Springs
 Brian Soule..... Slidell, LA
 Holly Sowell..... Brandon
 Melissa Spera..... Baton Rouge, LA
 Jacinta Spight..... Holly Springs

Undergraduates



Actress and comedian, **Simply Marvelous** greets a fan during a show at Bennet Auditorium. She was invited to perform at USM by the UAC.

Photo by Tarrence Sinclair



Kela Spikes.....Bogolusa, LA
 Laura Spinks.....Hattiesburg
 Scarlett Spivey.....Indianola
 Gretchen Spring.....Madison
 Leigh Spring.....Smithdale
 Adam Springer.....Gulfport

Thomas Springston.....Petal
 Erica Staiger.....New Orleans, LA
 Michael Stallworth.....Slidell, LA
 Kristina Stampley.....Fayette
 Tamika Stamps.....Vicksburg
 Pamela Standridge.....Ocean Springs

Susan Staton.....Union
 Lauri Starek.....Long Beach
 Holly Stephan.....Mobile, AL
 Katie Stephenson.....Covington, LA
 Donald Sterling.....Quitman
 Anna Stevens.....Columbia

Wendy Stevens.....Purvis
 Charles Stevenson.....Tupelo
 Chrissy Stevenson.....Memphis, TN
 Tara Stevens.....Laurel
 Angel Stewart.....Moss Point
 Cornelia Stewart.....Natchez

Jamie Stewart.....Mendenhall
 Lakisha Stewart.....Indianola
 Natalie Stewart.....Gulfport
 Russell Stewart.....Walnut Hill, FL
 Stacie Stewart.....Meridian
 Monica Stinson.....Grenada

Eric Stoltz.....Slidell, LA
 Michelle Stone.....Horn Lake
 Rhonda Stoner.....Biloxi
 Scarlett Stoop.....Hattiesburg
 Jamila Stovall.....Greenville
 Nina Street.....Lucedale

LeAnna Stribling.....Hattiesburg
 Marcie Strickland.....Pachuta
 Marcus Stringer.....Columbia
 Michael Stringer.....Columbia
 Susanna Stringer.....Madison
 Justin Stroud.....Heidelberg

Corrie Stuart.....Florence
 Matthew Stubbs.....Hattiesburg
 Carla Sudbeck.....Madison
 Erica Summy.....Slidell, LA
 Erin Summy.....Slidell, LA
 Katie Sumrall.....Hattiesburg

Jennifer Sutherland.....Greenville
 Tommye Sutton.....Greenville
 Rilecia Swayze.....Jackson
 Katherine Sykes.....Hattiesburg
 Ann Tabb.....Biloxi
 Chikako Takahashi.....Hattiesburg

Undergraduates

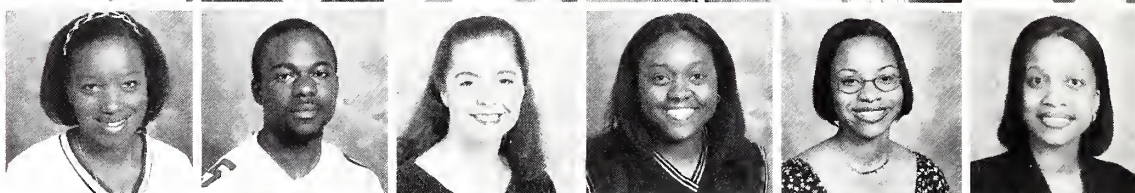
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Myrle Tallman.....Baton Rouge, LA
Stacey Tamor.....Magnolia
Jake Tanner.....Hattiesburg
Lester Tarver.....Beaumont, TX
La Marie Tate.....Gulfport



Jessica Tatum.....Magee
Galey Tatum.....Hattiesburg
Abby Tausend.....Mandeville, LA
Alphonse Taylor.....Madison
Carmecia Taylor.....Greenwood
Carol Taylor.....Buckatunna



Christie Taylor.....Monticello
Edmond Taylor.....New Orleans, LA
Jessica Taylor.....Petal
Kanesha Taylor.....Hattiesburg
Kimberly Taylor.....Jackson
LuCina Taylor.....Hattiesburg



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Autumn Temple.....Ovett
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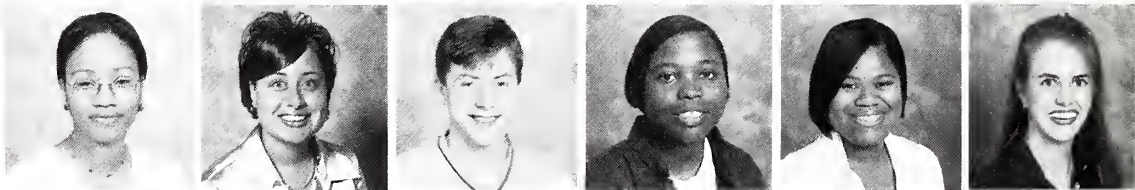
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Kenya Thippen.....Hattiesburg
Christine Thomas.....Long Beach
Darian Thomas.....Philadelphia
Drue Thomas.....Petal
Kimberly Thomas.....Meridian



Modist Thomas.....Bay Springs
Tiffany Thomas.....Biloxi
Brett Thompson.....Springfield, VA
Charmaine Thompson.....Gulfport
Cornelius Thompson.....Moss Point
Enjoli Thompson.....Jackson



Jamyra Thompson.....Bassfield
Jennifer Thompson.....Magnolia
Kyle Thompson.....McComb
Sonja Thompson.....Prentiss
Tanisha Thompson.....Louisville
Rebecca Thornell.....Vicksburg



Robert Thornhill.....Sandy Hook
Allison Tillery.....Bay Minette, AL
Jude Toche.....Petal
Sarah Toche.....Biloxi
Mindy Todd.....Pearl River, LA
Lynn Tolar.....Hattiesburg



Robin Torrey.....Pascagoula
Matthew Trahan.....Metairie, LA
Shemekia Trotter.....Grenada
Michelle Tuccio.....Natchez
Jennifer Tucker.....Mobile, AL
Kristen Tucker.....Hattiesburg





Torin Tucker..... Meridian
 Ulda Tufine..... Kentwood, LA
 Ashley Tullis..... Hattiesburg
 Malisha Turk..... Hattiesburg
 Angela Turner..... Waynesboro
 Esther Turner..... Canton

Holly Turner..... Hattiesburg
 Nicole Tyler..... Petal
 Matthew Tyrone..... Monticello
 Wendy Upchurch..... Jackson
 Benjamin Ulmer..... Magee
 William Ulmer..... Magee

Nicole Unda..... Ocean Springs
 Valerie Upton..... Bogie Chitto
 Don Urquhart..... Mobile, AL
 Arpna Vajpayee..... Hattiesburg
 Ermand Vakiari..... Hattiesburg
 Latisher Varnado..... Osyka

Steven Varnado..... McComb
 KaDiedre Vaughn..... Greenville
 LaTayna Vaughn..... Kosciusko
 Angela Ventura..... Hattiesburg
 Kimberly Villarreal..... Petal
 Kristi Vita..... Metairie, LA

Amanda Wade..... Jackson
 Candace Wade..... Ocean Springs
 Jennie Waguespack..... Laplace, LA
 Erin Walden..... Jonesboro, AR
 Beverly Walker..... Jackson
 Dewayne Walker..... Caledonia

Jamie Walker..... Petal
 Dorian Wallace..... Hattiesburg
 Terri Wallace..... Brookhaven
 Neisha Wallace..... Bogie Chitto
 Raymond Walls..... Kentwood, LA
 Valencia Walls..... Jackson

Nga Walters..... Hattiesburg
 Joel Walters..... Vicksburg
 John Walters..... Taylorsville
 Kerry Walton..... New Orleans, LA
 Davin Ward..... Bolton
 Robbie Ward..... Hattiesburg

Tina Ward..... Petal
 Travis Ward..... Pickens
 Tequilla Warner..... Jackson
 Jennifer Warren..... Hattiesburg
 Matthew Washington..... Pricayne
 Naderia Washington..... Clarksdale

Taisha Washington..... Columbia
 Tanisha Washington..... Bude
 Tracee Washington..... Brookhaven
 Keiundra Waters..... Heidelberg
 Jenny Watkins..... Ridgeland
 Jessica Watkins..... Pricayne

Undergraduates

A major aspect of college life is Freshman dorm life. The Freshman Quad is located next to Roberts Stadium and consists of three female dorms and one male dorm. When the weather permits, students find it enjoyable to study outside or just hang

Photography by Mackenzie Rogers





Latasha Watkins.....Hattiesburg
Anika Watson.....Hattiesburg
Della Watson.....Hattiesburg
Dontreal Watson.....St. Pete, FL
Veneka Watson.....Hazlehurst

Christina Watts.....Biloxi
Emily Weatherly.....Vicksburg
Len Weatherly.....Gulfport
Tonya Webster.....Durant
Krissena Welch.....Hattiesburg

BaLynda Wells.....Pass Christian
Chris Wells.....McComb
Nakia Wells.....Jackson
Burnell Wesco.....Bassfield
Tracy Wesley.....Hattiesburg

Stephen Wheeler.....Hattiesburg
Lacy Whitaker.....Woodville
James White.....West Point
Jessica White.....Marion, AR
Sharon White.....Waynesboro

Tabitha White.....Meridian
Billie Jean Whitehead.....Sumrall
Susan Whittington.....Hazlehurst
Heath Wiesenburg.....Long Beach
Kay Wilbert.....Plaquemine, LA

Leroice Wiley.....Greenville
Stacey Wilkes.....Carriere
Esparonda Wilkins.....Holly Springs
Kendall Willett.....Birmingham, AL
Andrea Williams.....McComb

April Williams.....Gulfport
Armita Williams.....McComb
Carley Williams.....Madison
Christopher Williams.....Vicksburg
Courtney Williams.....Hattiesburg

Crystal Williams.....Clinton
Cynthia Williams.....Hattiesburg
Derrick Williams.....McComb
Erin Williams.....Biloxi
Eugenia Williams.....Huntsville, AL

Jessica Williams.....Brooklyn
Khalilah Williams.....Moss Point
Kiesha Williams.....McComb
LaKisha Williams.....Tylertown
Leah Williams.....Meridian

Undergraduates



Pictured left, Freshmen **Mario Mc Allister and Terrell Hubbard** participate in the Dating Game. This activity was sponsored by UAC.

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Michael Williams.....Jackson
Roamie Williams.....Metairie, LA
Tomickio Williams.....Jackson
Wendy Williams.....Hattiesburg
Zenobia Williams.....Jackson

Elizabeth Willick.....Slidell, LA
Seth Willison.....Hattiesburg
Aaron Wilson.....Bassfield
Anitra Wilson.....Vicksburg
Jennifer Wilson.....Clinton

Umekia Wilson.....Jackson
Isah Winborne.....Hattiesburg
Kathryn Winfrey.....Jackson
Amy Wingrave.....New Orleans, LA
Shavonda Winters.....Durant

Brandi Wise.....Waynesboro
Jon Womack.....Utica
Wendy Wood.....Pearl River, LA
Amanda Woodall.....Seminary
Christopher Woodard.....New Hebron

Rashaan Woods.....Natchez
Ryan Woods.....Picayune
LaQuisha Wright.....Bilxoi
Rene Yang.....Hattiesburg
Michele Yarbrough.....Mobile, AL

Corey Yates.....Holly Springs
Curt Yeomans.....Marietta, GA
Anna Young.....Mobile, AL
Ashika Young.....Flora
Betty Young.....Hattiesburg

Ernest Young.....Natchez
Nicole Young.....Ocean Springs
John Zimmerman.....Metairie, LA

Seniors

Charlyn Adams.....Ruth
Elizabeth Adams.....Abita Springs, LA
Jewel Adams.....Hattiesburg
Xorica Adams.....La Place, LA
Donna Allen.....Brookhaven
Joyce Allen.....Hattiesburg

Ryan Alexander.....Biloxi
Anne Allmeroth.....Leslie, MO
Reagan Amos.....Greenville
Crystal Anderson.....Jackson
Tihira Anderson.....Brandon
Felicia Archer.....Hattiesburg

Gina Archer.....Hattiesburg
Bethany Armstrong.....Vicksburg
Jill Arnold.....Vicksburg
Jaime Arriaga.....Houston, TX
Angela Ashford.....Louisville
Roslynd Ashford.....Louisville

Latayna Ashley.....Gulfport
Thomas Atwood.....Hattiesburg
Chad Baldwin.....Coldwater
Brooke Bardwell.....Brandon
Reginald Barnes.....Greenville
Sabrina Barnes.....Hattiesburg

Tawarii Barnes.....Moss Point
Kelly Barnhill.....Daphne, AL
Keith Barnwell.....Meridian
Ian Barrow.....Jackson
Jennifer Barton.....Pascagoula
Ayanna Batiste.....Forest

Kelly Beckett.....Hattiesburg
Jill Beemel.....Chalmette, LA
Beth Berger.....New Orleans, LA
Nicholas Bertrand.....Slidell, LA
Lynne Bischof.....Metairie, LA
Betty Bise.....Jackson

Richard Blackburn.....Newton
Aaron Blalock.....Liberty
Dena Blanchard.....Houma, LA
Elizabeth Blanchard.....New Orleans, LA
Kevin Blanks.....Meridian
Amber Bond.....Perkinston

Veronica Bonds.....Smithdale
Kristen Bonnett.....Mayville, WI
Donna Boothe.....McComb
Rebecca Boudreaux.....Lafayette, LA
Patrick Bourne.....Prentiss
Anna Bove.....Natchez

Lisa Bowie.....Forest
Veronica Bozeman.....Hazlehurst
Ebony Bradford.....Bude
Shalon Bradley.....Bay St. Louis
Anna Brashier.....Heidelberg
Charlotte Braxton.....Columbus





Hadley Breckenridge..... Pass Christian
Damon Breland..... Sandy Hook
Mazella Breland..... Laurel
Brandon Brice..... Natchez
Scott Bridges..... Monticello
Kimberly Broussard..... Biloxi

Amy Brown..... Madison
James Brown..... Hattiesburg
Jim Brown..... Clinton
Shonna Brown..... Hattiesburg
LaShanda Brumfield..... Osyka
Andrew Buckhalter..... Crawford

Brenton Buckley..... Marrero, LA
Heather Buckley..... Columbia
Demetria Bullock..... Magnolia
Jesse Bullock..... McComb
Sarah Burcaw..... Petal
Elisa Burch..... Ocean Springs

Christy Burkes..... Moss Point
Jennifer Burkett..... Hattiesburg
Felicia Burnes..... Vicksburg
Joanne Burns..... Stonewall
David Burow..... Slidell, LA
Duane Burt..... Hattiesburg

Deshella Butler..... Hattiesburg
Kimberly Butler..... Hattiesburg
Detriiss Byrd..... Hattiesburg
Colby Calcote..... Brookhaven
Debbie Cameron..... Lumberton
Francis Cameron..... Natchez

Tammy Campbell..... Lumberton
Denika Carr..... Louin
Coty Carter..... Hattiesburg
Delecia Carter..... Osyka
Maurice Carter..... Meridian
Melanie Carter..... Slidell, LA

Nicki Case..... Gulfport
Regina Catchings..... Hazlehurst
Shatanya Causey..... Tylertown
Sherrick Causey..... Edwards
Alicia Cessna..... Pattison
Tamika Chandler..... Laurel

Michelle Chauvin..... Metairie, LA
Erin Cheatham..... Kenner, LA
Stacey Check..... Laurel
Jami Chimche..... Bay St Louis
Sametra Chisolm..... Ridgeland
Donald Clanton..... Brookhaven

Alisha Clark..... Enterprise
Andrew Clark..... Indianola
Angela Clark..... Hattiesburg
Jennifer Clark..... Petal
Nicole Clark..... Hattiesburg
Charlene Clarke..... Columbus

Seniors

Carlo Clesi.....Hattiesburg
Renet Clines.....Summit
Demetris Collins.....Centreville
Terry Colquhoun.....Hattiesburg
Isaac Condiff.....Picayune

Megan Coney.....Metairie, LA
Christy Cook.....Hattiesburg
Edward Corker.....Columbia
Keri Cothorn.....Bogalousa, LA
Fredrika Cowley.....Fulton

Donald Crabtree.....Morton
Jason Crane.....Brookhaven
Shanna Creed.....Magnolia
Gregory Syrus.....Columbia
Holly Dana.....Pelahatchie

Derrek Daughdri.....Petal
Deitra Davis.....Liberty
Julia Davis.....Hattiesburg
Robin Davis.....Ellisville
Ron Davis.....Birmingham, AL

Angelic Dawkins.....D'Iverville
Kedrienne Day.....Jackson
Nicholas Deakie.....New Agusta
Steven DeBlasio.....Slidell, LA
Kristin Delaney.....Metairie, LA

Olivia Dellenger.....D'Iberville
Jennifer Delmas.....Hattiesburg
Ann-Marie Denman.....Clinton
Molly Denson.....Hattiesburg
Tara Denson.....Lena

Shawn Denton.....Hattiesburg
Frances Dominquez.....Gulfport
Derck Dorman.....Hattiesburg
Kimberly Dotson.....Mobile, AL
Uwe Dotzauer.....Landau, Germany

Brett Douchard.....Wesson
Theodore Dukes.....Greenville
Azeeka Dunigan.....Indianola
Felicia Durr.....Oakvale
Court Duvall.....Waynesboro





The artist work of USM's students is
always on display in several places on
campus.

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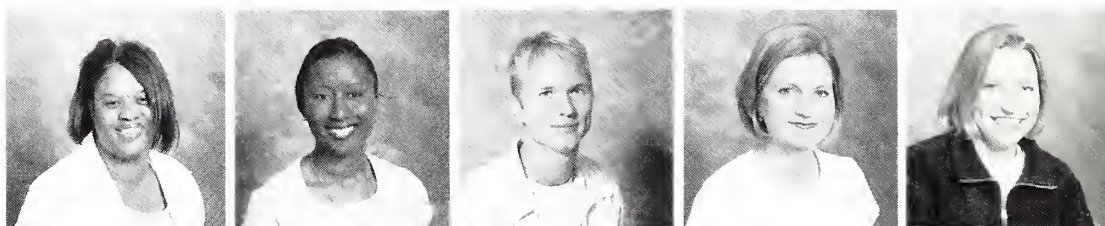
Seniors



The campus of USM is filled with interesting and secluded spots for the students to study. Can you guess where these students chose?

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Dometria Dwons.....Memphis, TN
Kimberly Eashmond.....Hattiesburg
Joseph Easterling.....Petal
Teri Easterling.....Ellisville
Nancy Eaves.....Hattiesburg



Latoya Edwards.....Moss Point
Angie England.....Sallis
Celeste Eubanks.....Slidell, LA
Robert Eubanks.....West Monroe, LA
Tory Evans.....Newton



Martinius Everett.....Waynesboro
Grant Fairchild.....Hattiesburg
Ashley Ferrell.....Picayune
Rozarro Fields.....Greenville
Brent Flanagan.....Southaven



Bo Fleming.....Meadville
Annelise Flesher.....Clinton
Linda Floyd.....Hattiesburg
Tiffany Folse.....Hattiesburg
Emily Fontan.....Mandeville, LA





Dannye Fowler.....Bessemer, AL
 Paul Fox.....Hattiesburg
 Sophia Frelix.....Columbia
 Christi Frith.....Hattiesburg
 Michelle Frith.....Hattiesburg



Yoshitaka Fujii.....Japan
 Cassidy Ganas.....Lumberton
 Mario Garcia.....Hattiesburg
 Hope Garner.....Magee
 Robin Gentry.....Long Beach



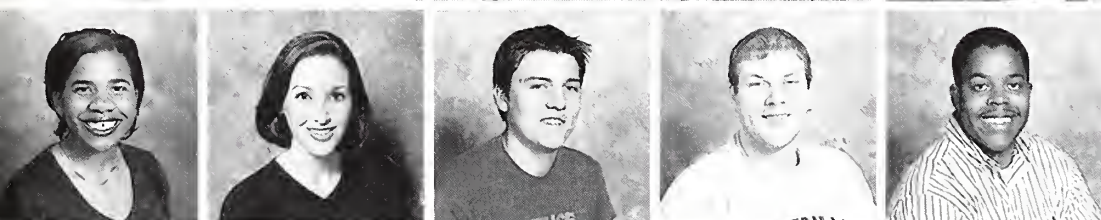
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 Carly Gervais.....Metairie, LA
 Gina Gibbs.....Hattiesburg
 Victor Gilstrap.....Morton



Steen Glascoe.....Flora
 Scott Godfrey.....Moss Point
 Matthew Goff.....Hattiesburg
 Shameka Gooden.....Jackson
 Donna Goodrum.....Grand Bay, AL



Brittany Gore.....Jackson
 Casey Graham.....Columbia
 Kimberly Grant.....Brandon
 Mary Grant.....Poplarville
 Amanda Gray.....Soso



Josephine Green.....Columbia
 Jane Griffin.....Hattiesburg
 Daniel Guaqueta.....Hattiesburg
 David Guidroz.....New Orleans, LA
 William Gully.....Laurel

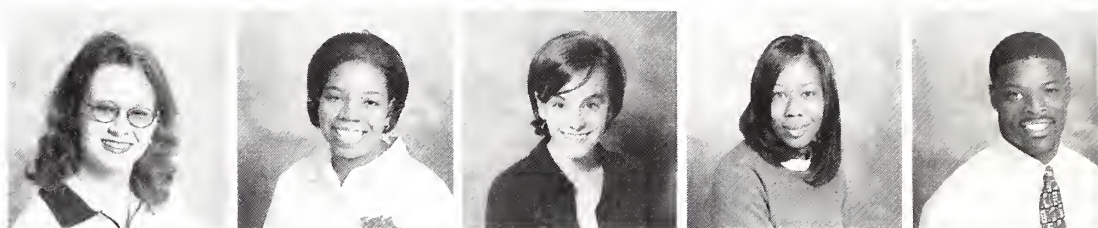


Casey Guyton.....McComb
 Stirlin Hancock.....Benton
 Colecia Handy.....Franklinton, LA
 Melissa Hanna.....Gautier
 Dacia Haralson.....Hattiesburg

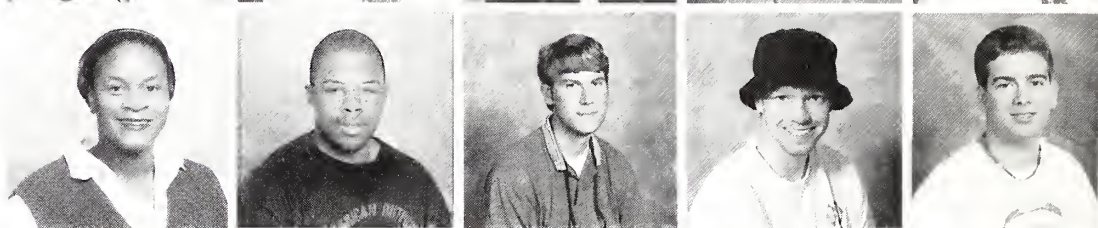


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 Lashanda Harrell.....Magnolia
 Stacey Harris.....Vicksburg
 Tomora Harrison.....Crystal Springs
 Latoya Hart.....Jackson

Teresa Harvey.....Prentiss
 Stacey Haskin.....Gulfport
 India Hassin.....Gulfport
 Karen Hayes.....Pine Bluff, AR
 Kevin Heard.....West Point



Nicole Heard.....Jackson
 Brian Henderson.....Pearl
 George Herring.....Moss Point
 Clayton Hickey.....Olive Branch
 Stephen Hickman.....Kenner, LA



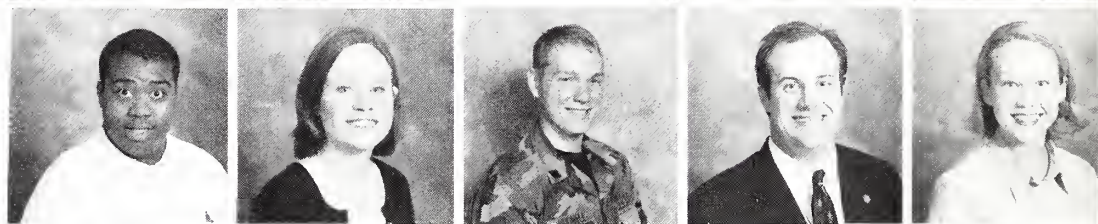
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 William Hocutt.....Hattiesburg
 Erin Hodges.....Summit
 Valerie Hodge.....Waynesboro
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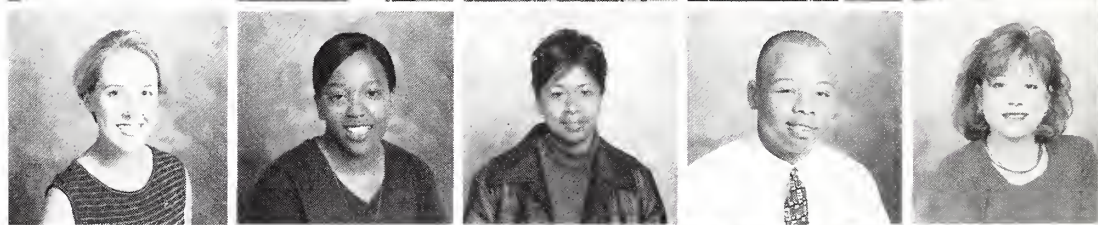
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 Traci Holmes.....Brookhaven
 Letha Honca.....Sontag
 Dee Dee Hooker.....Brookhaven
 Michelle Horton.....Hattiesburg



Reginald Houze.....Hattiesburg
 Stacy Howell.....Collinsville
 James Hudwell.....Meridian
 John Hugley.....Hattiesburg
 Lisa Hurst.....Semmes, AL



Lisa Irons.....Kenner, LA
 Stephanie Ivy.....Rolling Fork
 Kera Jackson.....Meridian
 Melvin Jackson.....McComb
 Rochelle Jackson.....McComb



Rosalind Jackson.....Durant
 Tamika Jackson.....Gulfport
 Leslie James.....Bay Springs
 Artrina Jenkins.....Jayess
 Terissa Jenkins.....Jayess

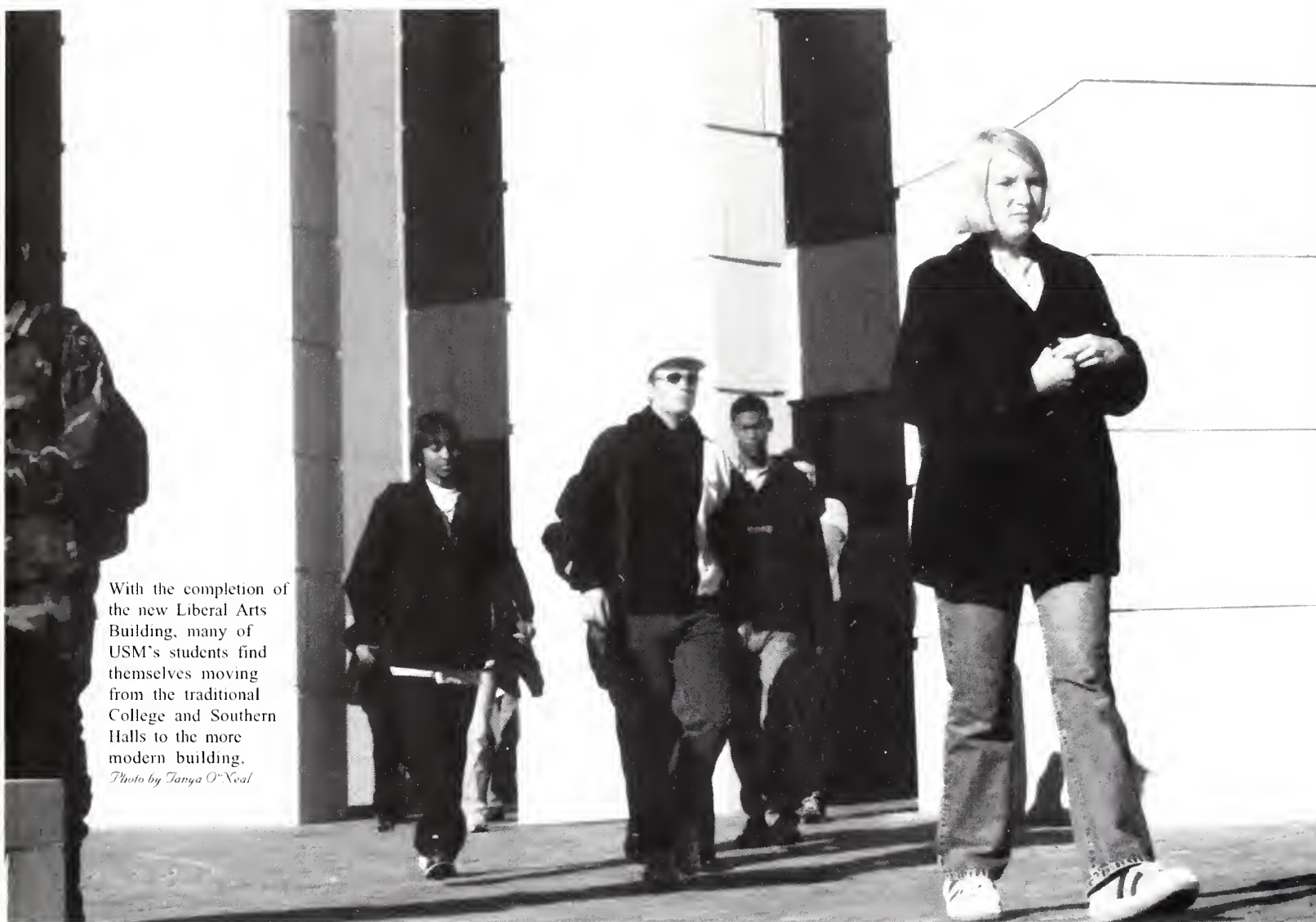


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 Deanna Johnson.....Jackson
 Christi Jones.....Monticello
 Erinn Jones.....Slidell, LA
 Kaytee Jones.....Fairhope, AL



With the completion of the new Liberal Arts Building, many of USM's students find themselves moving from the traditional College and Southern Halls to the more modern building.

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Petrina Jones.....Columbus
Vandarel Jones.....Moorehead
April Jordan.....Hattiesburg
Patricia Jordan.....Waynesboro
Cybil Kamien.....Vicksburg

Maggie Keller.....Poplarville
Dee King.....McComb
Josh King.....Bay Springs
Rhonda Kingery.....Antioch, TN
Rebecca Kitchens.....Crystal Springs

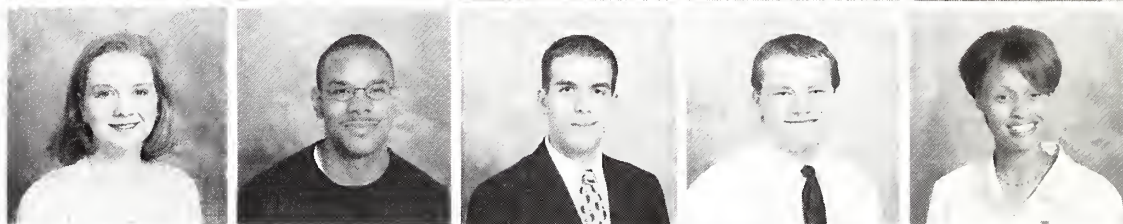
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Jamie Kyles.....Bolton

Seniors

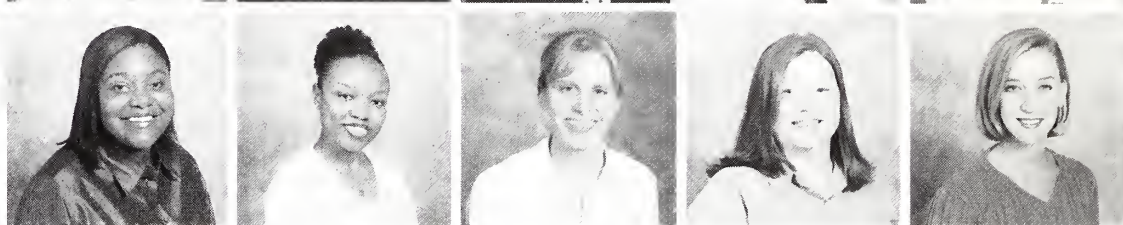
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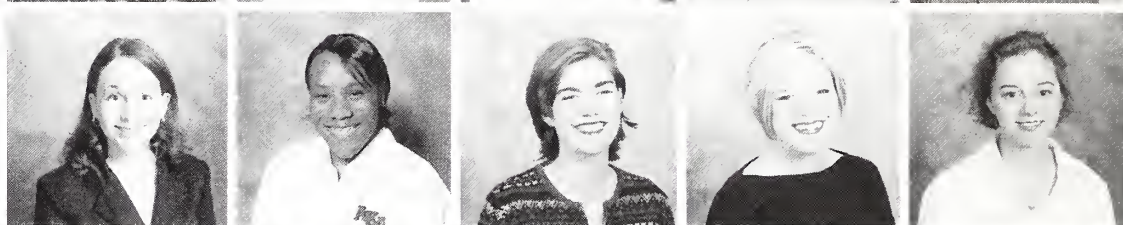
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Jarod Liddy.....Milton, FL
Kenneth Lee.....Pearl
Lakeitra Lee.....Edwards



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Diaha Lewis.....Jackson
Hope Lightsey.....Pachuta
Amanda Lingold.....Marietta, GA
Emily Lipsey.....Hattiesburg



Lauren Lizana.....Pass Christian
Melissa Lock.....Hattiesburg
Carrie Logan.....Belzoni
Laurie Loggins.....Metairie, LA
Britton Long.....Hattiesburg



Linda Lott.....Collins
Tracey Lott.....Bay Springs
David Low.....Petal
Melanie Lynn.....Eufaula, AL
Laura Mabry.....Jackson



Chasidy Madison.....Jackson
Tarrial Madison.....Collins
Brandy Malone.....Taylorsville
Jamic Malone.....Hattiesburg
Jennifer Mangum.....Magee



Issie Martin.....Jackson
Katrina Martin.....Shannon
Tammy Matlock.....Kcokuk, IA
Shunte Maxie.....Edwards
Theresa May.....Columbia



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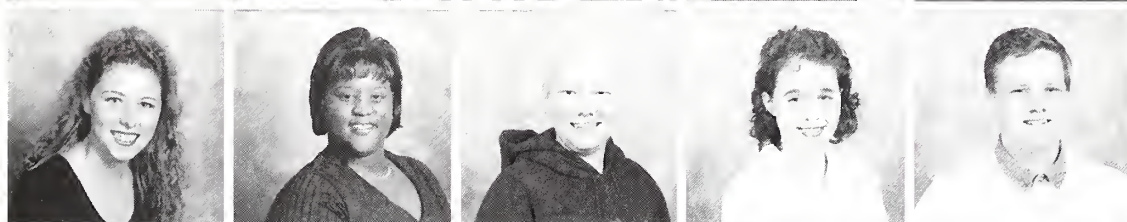
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 Teresa McDonald.....Hurley



Wess McDonald.....Meridian
 Tina McDyess.....Shabuta
 Cassie McGeehan.....New Port Richey, FL
 Vernon McGlothlin.....Meridian
 Cara McGuffee.....Gulfport



Billie McKinney.....Ocean Springs
 Crystal McKinney.....Ocean Springs
 Barry McKinzie.....Lounin
 Kimberly McKenzie.....Quitman
 Amanda McLain.....Ellisville



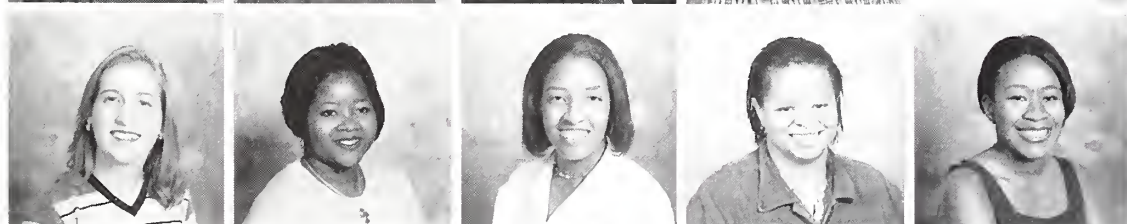
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 Shandria McMillian.....Hazlehurst
 Allegra McRae.....Picayune
 Shena-Rae McRae.....Picayune
 Tim McRae.....Picayune



Ashley Mercer.....Petal
 Becky Mercier.....Hattiesburg
 Keasha Miller.....Moss Point
 Marlon Mitchell.....Tacoma, WA
 Steffanie Mitchell.....Picayune



Akiko Miwi.....Meridian
 Justin Mixon.....Hattiesburg
 Lanny Mixon.....Brooklyn
 Jacqueline Moak.....Summit
 Nancy Montague.....Purvis



Debbie Monti.....Hattiesburg
 Charollette Moody.....Taylorsville
 LaTonya Moore.....Bentonla
 Tavane Moore.....Hattiesburg
 Tamika Moorehead.....Jackson



Heidi Morgan.....Wilmer, AL
 Lora Morgan.....Drew
 Nicole Morgan.....Hattiesburg
 Nicholas Muirhead.....Madison
 Gerald Mumford.....Jackson

Seniors

Live oaks help to keep campus green all year long.

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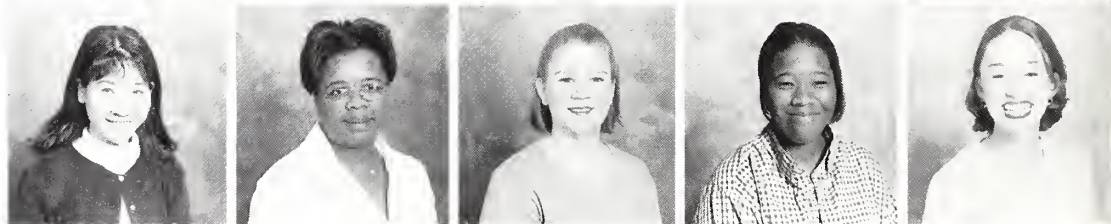
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Ann Myers.....Brandon
Jennifer Myers.....Picayune
Joshua Myers.....Ocean Springs



Kevin Myers.....Brandon
Rashaan Myles.....Jackson
Tommy Nichols.....Cleveland
Duncan Njuguna.....Hattiesburg
Ryoko Nobe.....Tokyo, Japan



Kaori Noma.....Japan
Kiwana Norman.....Newton
Erican Ockman.....Marrero, LA
Matilda Odoms.....Hermanville
Valerie Ogden.....Natchez





Jennifer O'Neal.....Perkinston
Tanya O'Neal.....Gulfport
Megan O'Toole.....Brandon
Lisa Padilla.....Laurel
Anneliese Padlan.....Clinton



Stephanie Page.....Hattiesburg
Eric Paige.....Jackson
Zakiya Palmer.....Greenville
Shelly Parchman.....Hattiesburg
Lindsey Pardue.....Florence



Donald Parhm.....Walnut Grove
Channie Pastor.....Ellisville
Angel Patano.....Biloxi
Crystal Pate.....Chunky
Tracy Patrick.....Lake



Jessica Patterson.....Metairie, LA
Shallon Patton.....Lumberton
Brandon Pearce.....Brooklyn
Stephanie Peek.....Mt. Vernon, IL
Leigh-Angelle Peters.....Slidell, LA



Matthew Pickering.....Seminary
Todd Pinkston.....Forest
Margie Pittman.....Snady Hook
Tamara Pittman.....Columbia
Martina Pope.....Gulfport



Valerie Portis.....Lumberton
Susan Posey.....Gautier
Shawn Potter.....New Orleans
LaCedric Powe.....Waynesboro
Jason Powell.....Mize



Martha Powell.....Houma, LA
Zephaniah Powell.....Liberty
Sandra Preuett.....Hattiesburg
Kelly Priest.....Slidell, LA
Nora Prince.....Ocean Springs



Amy Pruitt.....Quitman
Contina Quinn.....Cedarbluff
John Rankin.....Hattiesburg
Kacy Redd.....Laurel
Lisa Redd.....Vicksburg

Seniors

Brittany Reid.....Columbus
Rupinder Rekhi.....Jackson
Crystal Richardson.....Bogue Chitto
Ashley Riggs.....Baton Rouge, LA
Jennifer Riley.....Guatemala



Tanya Robertson.....Covington, LA
Melanie Robbins.....Dumfries, VA
Andi Robinsn.....Rock Springs
Celia Robinson.....Gulfport
Roshun Robinson.....Jackson



Nathan Rockhold.....Gloster
MacKenzie Rogers.....Moss Point
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William Rogers.....Louisville
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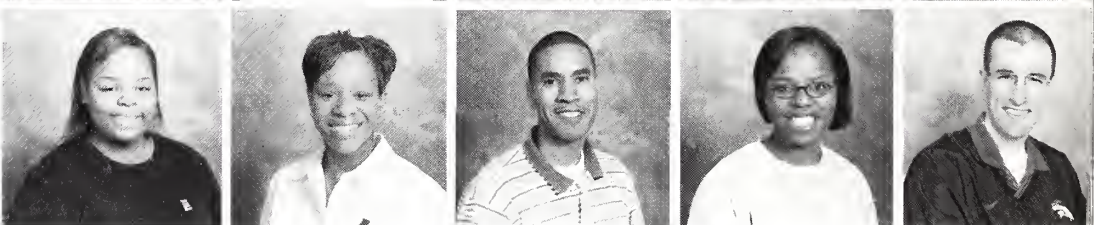
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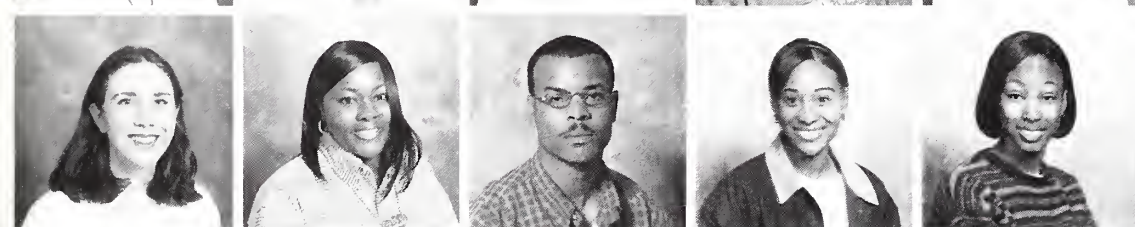
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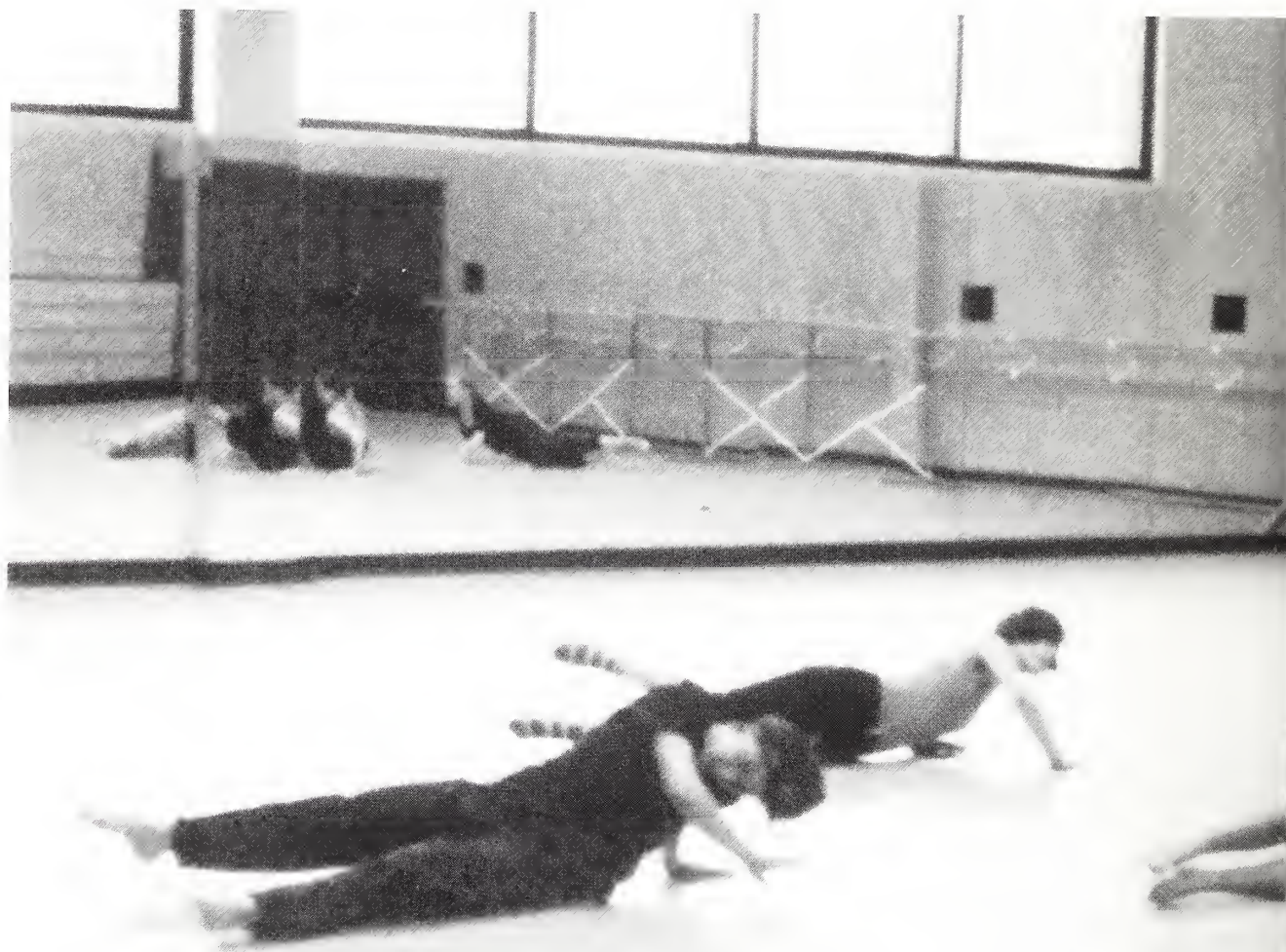


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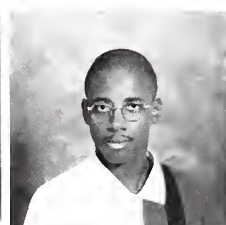
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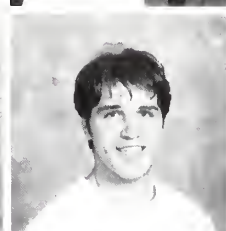
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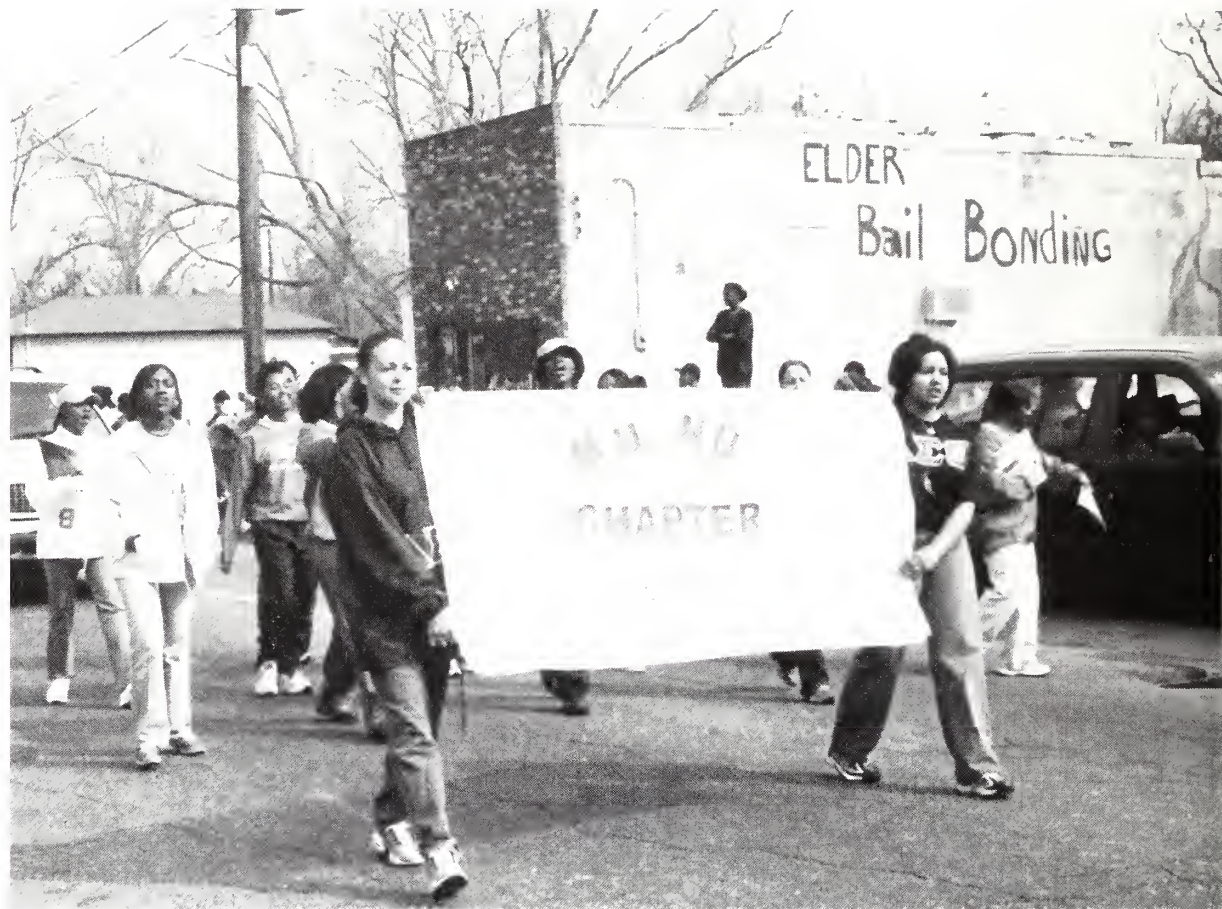


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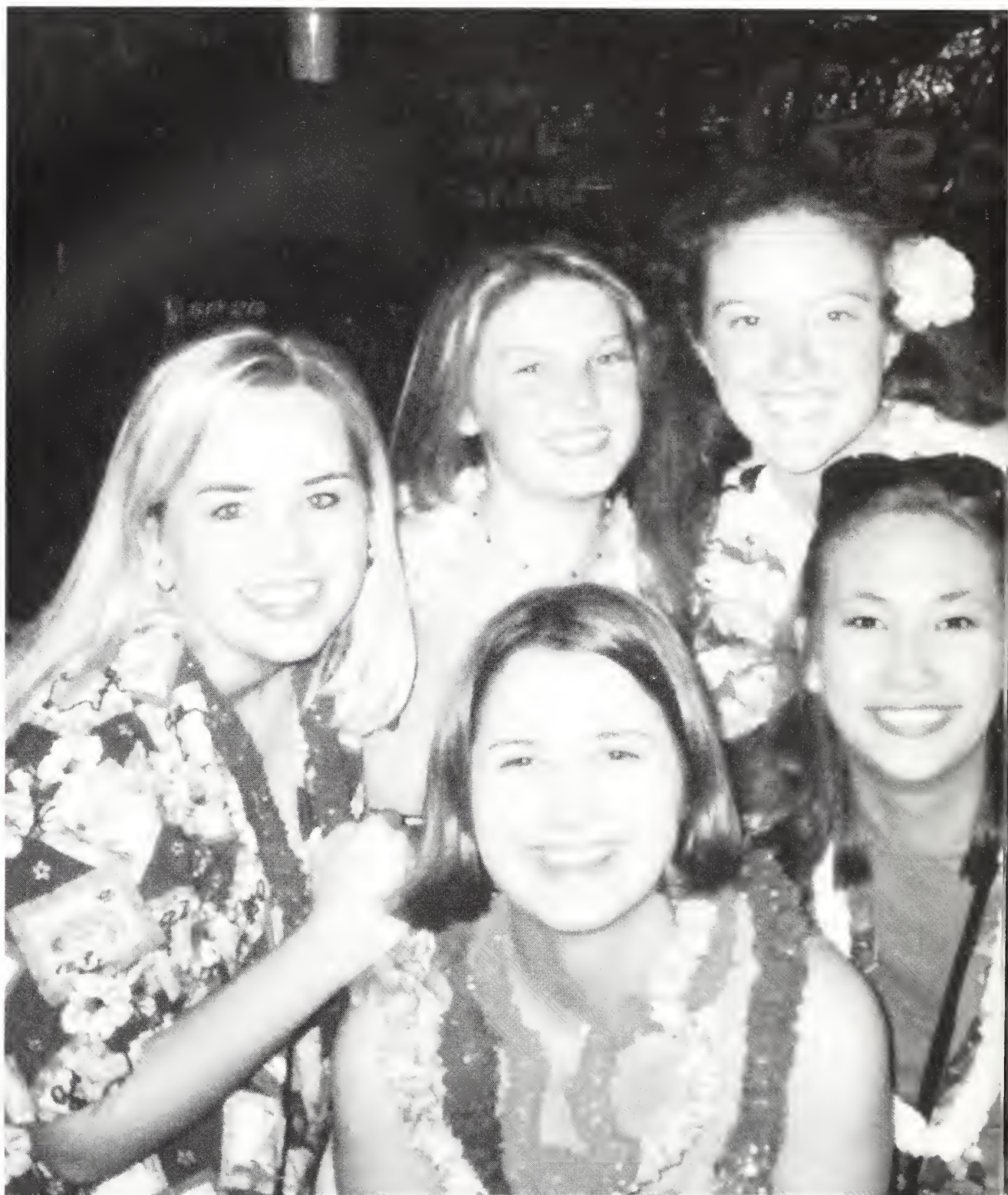


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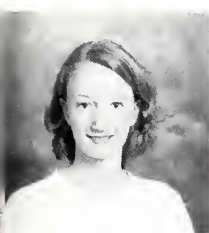


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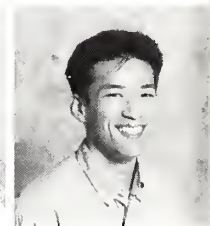
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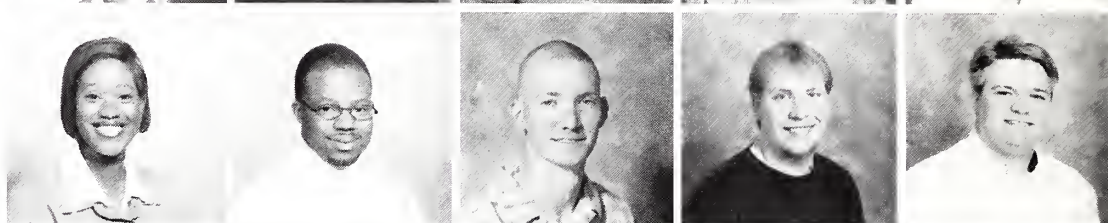
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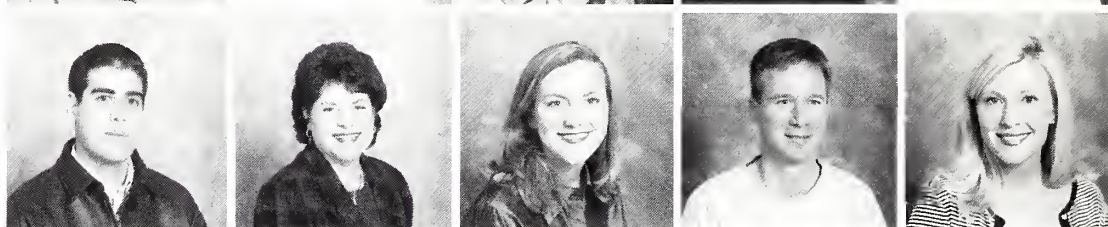
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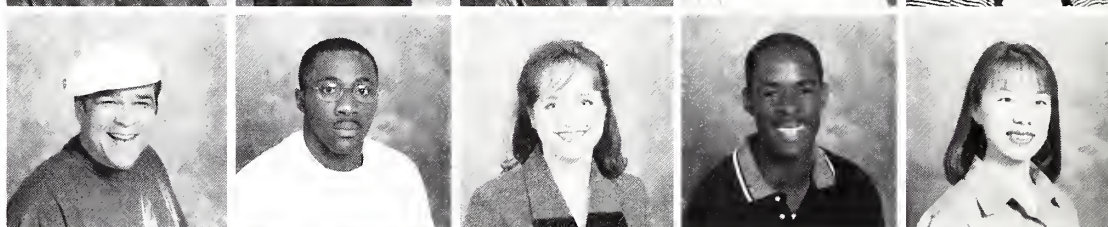
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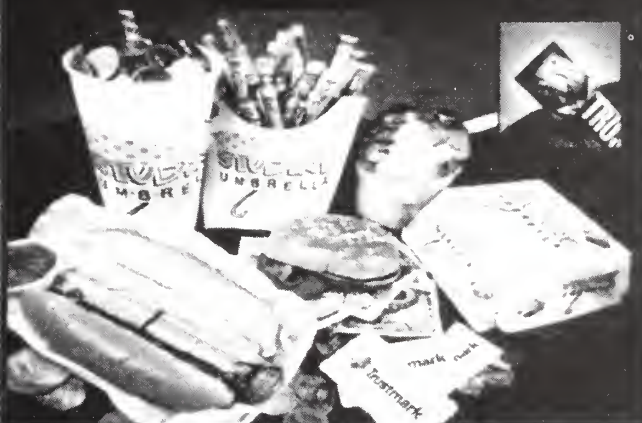
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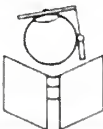
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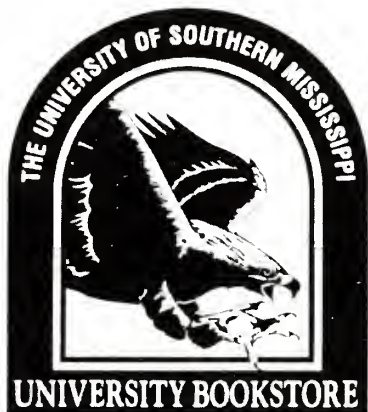
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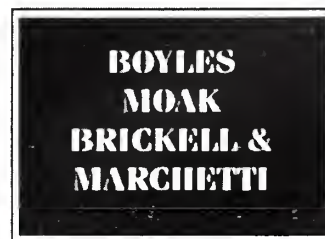


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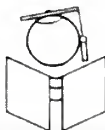
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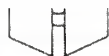
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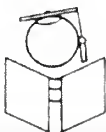
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THE 2000 SOUTHERN STAFF

The staff members of the 2000 Southerner were selected through an application and interview process held the fall of 1999. In athletic terms, the Southerner had a "building year", meaning several key roles were played, quite bravely, by relative newcomers to yearbook production.

A large staff of students and a faculty advisor traditionally produce the yearbook. The adviser for the Southerner was Michael Mitchell, who is also Assistant Director of Student Activities. The office also employs a graduate assistant, a grad student who acts as office manager. This year's graduate assistant was Joslyn Tinker.

Every year an editor-in-chief is selected via a written application, interviews and approval of the publication board. The editor is responsible for developing the theme of the book, incorporating the theme, producing several pages of the book and supervising the entire contents of the annual. This year, the editor-in-chief, Tanya O'Neal made the very difficult decision to resign when her academic duties proved to be much more time-consuming than she had anticipated.

In addition there were six section editors who each produced a large segment of the book. These editors were: academics; Heather Foster, Greeks; Samantha Simmons, groups and organizations; Lori Hill, people; Naderia Washington, sports; Stephanie M. Cruthirds and copy editor; Spring O'Neal. Most collegiate yearbooks also employ a student life editor. Computer technician; William Stianche, head photographer; Mackenz Rogers, and staff photographers Lindsey Theobald and Tarrence Sinclair completed the Southerner leadership team.

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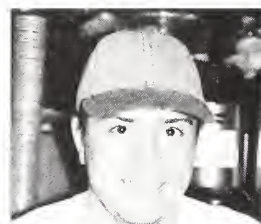
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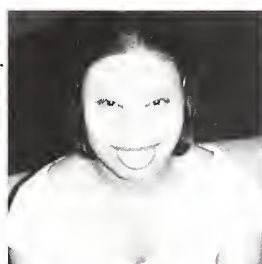
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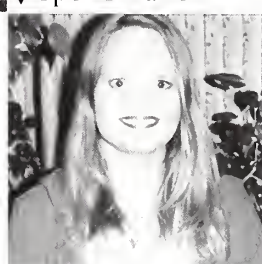
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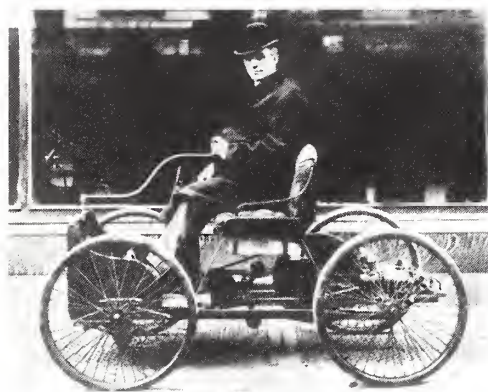
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100 YEARS COME....

1904 Henry Ford sits in his first automobile, the Quadricycle, in New York City. The Quadricycle weighed only 500 pounds and had two forward speeds but no reverse. Ford founded Ford Motor Company in 1903, created the Model T in 1908 and by 1915 had produced over one million automobiles.



1920 Suffragettes march during the Republican National Convention in Chicago, June 1920, for the ratification of the 19th Amendment which would grant women the right to vote. Chief organizer and author of the Equal Rights Amendment Alice Paul stands second from right. The Suffrage Amendment was ratified on Aug. 26, 1920.



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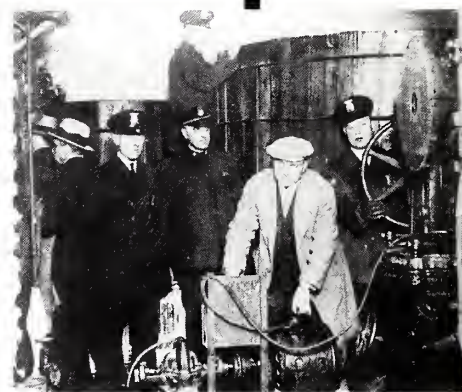
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1914 Germany declares war on Russia. On April 6, 1917, under President Woodrow Wilson, the United States enters the war. More than 9 million people die before Armistice Day on November 11, 1918. Here American Army troops stand in trenches in France.



1926 Detroit police are shown investigating equipment discovered in an illegal brew during the height of the Prohibition Era 1926.

1937 German Chancellor Adolf Hitler gestures during a speech given in May 1937. Hitler helped found the Nazi Party in 1919 and became dictator of Germany 1933. As dictator he launched the holocaust as a "final solution" for eliminating all Jewish people, gypsies and homosexuals. In 1939, he invaded Poland and began Word War II. He committed suicide in 1945; Germany surrendered a week later.



1937

1954 A military family watches television in their home on the Limestone, Maine military base on July , 1954. With the advent of television, mass communication and mass advertising were born. Color television and cable television soon followed. These days Americans spend an average of 7 hours daily watching TV.



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1945 Prisoners in the Dachau concentration camp in Germany 1945 look out from behind the barbed wire barrier. Auschwitz, Buchwald and Bergen-Belsen were some of the other death camps where more than 6,000,000 Jews were tortured and exterminated. The Allied Forces liberated the camps in 1945.

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1956 Rosa Parks, whose refusal to move to the back of a bus touched off the Montgomery bus boycott and the beginning of the civil rights movement, is shown being fingerprinted by Deputy Sheriff D.H. Lackey in Montgomery, Ala. Feb. 22, 1956. She was among some 100 people charged with violating segregation laws.

100 YEARS GONE....

1960 "The Pill" was invented by Dr. Gregory Pincus and Dr. John Rock with the support of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger. Medical trials were conducted for several years before the FDA approved Enovid in 1960. A reliable method of birth control helped launch "the sexual revolution." The woman shown holds a birth control dispenser in New York in August of 1974.

1969 Astronaut Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. is photographed beside the U.S. flag on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission on July 20, 1969. Aldrin and fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong were the first humans to walk on the lunar surface. A third astronaut, Michael Collins, flew the command module. The trio were launched on July 16 and departed from the moon on July 21, of 1969.



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1963 The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. acknowledges the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. during his "I Have A Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 to advocate nonviolent action against racial inequality. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. in 1968.



1972 Nine-year-old Kim Phuc, center, and other terrified children flee down Route 1 near Trang Bang in Vietnam followed by South Vietnamese troops after an allied plane mistakenly dropped its flaming napalm on the civilians. This photograph, taken June 8, 1972, in which the terrified child has ripped off her burning clothing, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1973.

1986 The space shuttle Challenger explodes just seconds after lifting off from the Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1986. All seven crew members died in the explosion that was blamed on faulty o-rings in the shuttle's booster rockets. The crew was honored by burial in the Arlington National Cemetery.



1986

1995 Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates is silhouetted on stage during a video portion of the Windows 95 Launch Event Aug. 24, 1995 in Redmond, Wash. A Harvard University dropout, Gates co-founded Microsoft with Paul Allen in 1975. By 1980, he had licensed his MS-DOS operating system to IBM for use in the first personal computers.



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1989 Residents of Berlin sing and dance atop the Berlin Wall as they celebrate the opening of East-West German borders on Friday, Nov. 10, 1989. The wall was designed to prevent East Germans from freely traveling or migrating to the West and was a visible reminder of the Cold War. The two nations were reunited as a single country 45 years after World War II on Oct. 23, 1990.

1996 2000



1996 The view from the Washington Monument on Oct. 11, 1996, shows the huge AIDS quilt stretching all the way to the Capitol Building. The quilt was created to honor the memory of those who have died from the disease. The HIV virus – human immunodeficiency virus – that causes AIDS surfaced in the late 1970's and spread all over the world. There is still no cure for the disease.



A float carrying the New York Yankees and team personnel drives up Broadway in New York City during the ticker tape parade held on Friday, Oct. 29, 1999. The parade honored the Yankees victory over the Atlanta Braves in the World Series. The Yankees were World Series champions for the third time in four years.



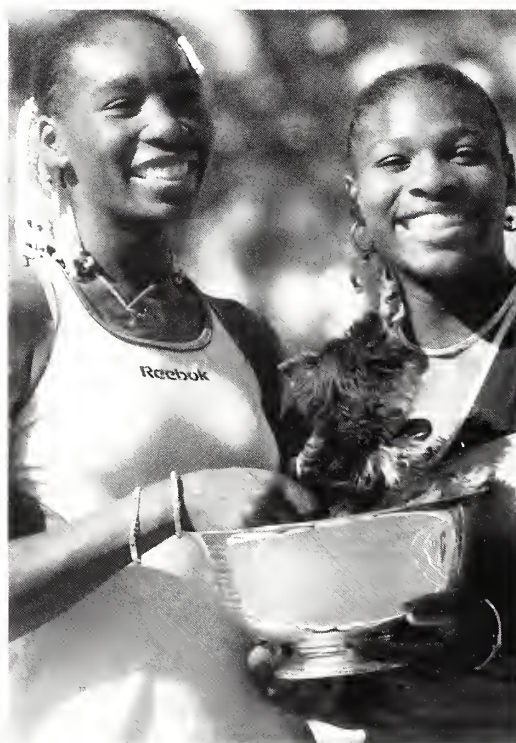
Fireworks illuminate the Eiffel Tower during the millennium celebration early January 1, 2000. The much hyped "new millennium" arrived much more peacefully than expected — there were no signs of the dreaded "Y2K" catastrophe.

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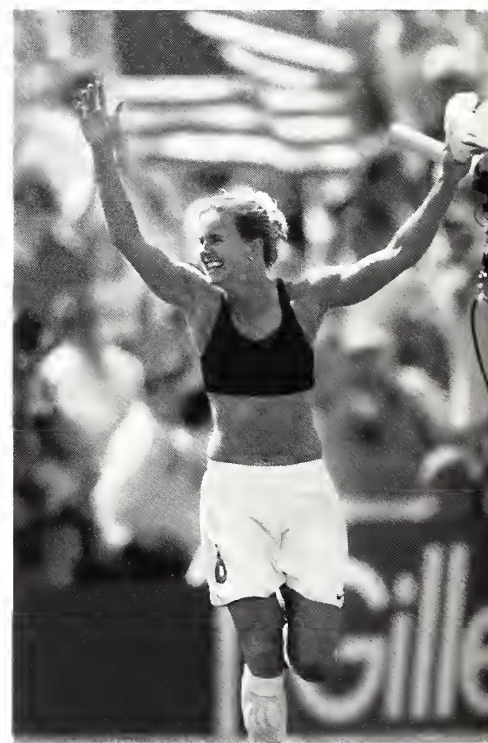
Tiger Woods, from Windermere, Fla., shows off his trophy after winning the American Express world championship event in Valderrama, Spain, Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999. Woods became the first golfer to win four straight tournaments in 46 years and the first player to win eight PGA Tour events in a season in 25 years.

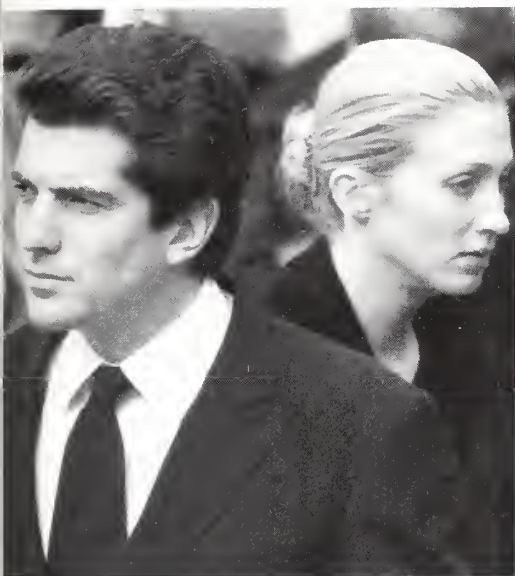


Sisters Venus (left) and Serena Williams, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., hold the winner's trophy (and their terrier) aloft after winning the women's doubles championship in New York on Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999.

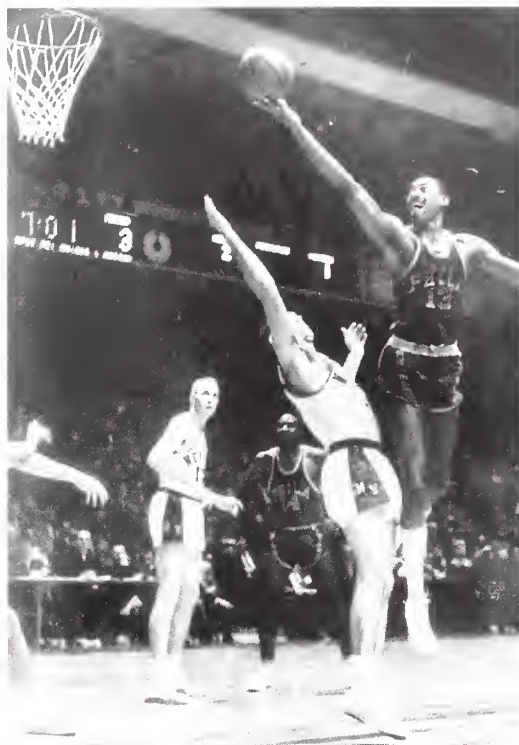


Brandi Chastain of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team gestures victoriously after kicking the game winning overtime penalty shootout goal against China. She took off her jersey, swung it around her head in her excitement, then sank to her knees with joy in the middle of the field. The team won the Women's World Cup at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday July 10, 1999.





John F. Kennedy, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, are shown leaving the funeral of his cousin Michael Kennedy in Mass., in January of 1998. This photograph foreshadows the tragedy to come. In 1999 the couple, as well as Carolyn's sister, were killed en route to a family wedding when their private plane flown by JFK, Jr. went down just off the coast of Martha's Vineyard.



Wilt Chamberlain (13) of the Philadelphia Warriors is shown scoring against the New York Knickerbockers in 1960. The much-respected Chamberlain passed away in 1999.



Payne Stewart happily poses with the trophy after capturing the U.S. Open golf championship in North Carolina June 20th, 1999. However, happy days were numbered for Stewart, he and several crew members were killed when their private plane lost all oxygen, causing them to pass out. Air controllers could do nothing to revive them, and stood by helplessly as the plane crash-landed.

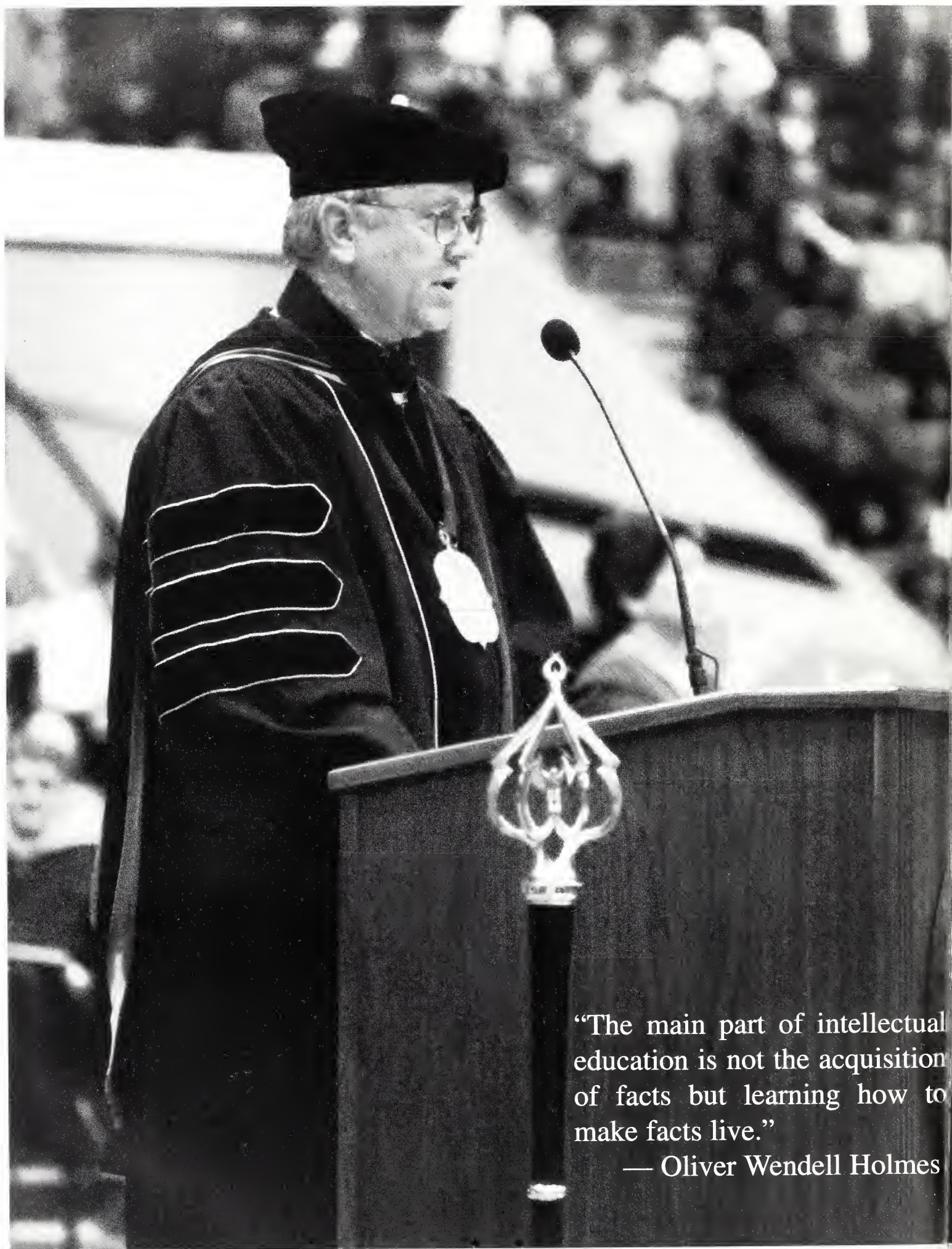
& TRAGEDIES



Texas A&M students and rescue workers search the traditional bonfire stack of logs after the center pole, shown with the Corps of Cadets squadron flag attached, apparently snapped causing the stack to collapse. At least five students working on the structure were killed and more than 25 people were injured in the accident.



Walter Payton is pursued by members of the Rams defense in Chicago, 1986. Payton, who's aggressive, elusive style made him the NFL's all-time rushing leader, died Monday, Nov. 1, 1999. Payton, otherwise known as "Sweetness" was only 45 years old. All photos on this page are by the Associated Press.



“The main part of intellectual education is not the acquisition of facts but learning how to make facts live.”

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

